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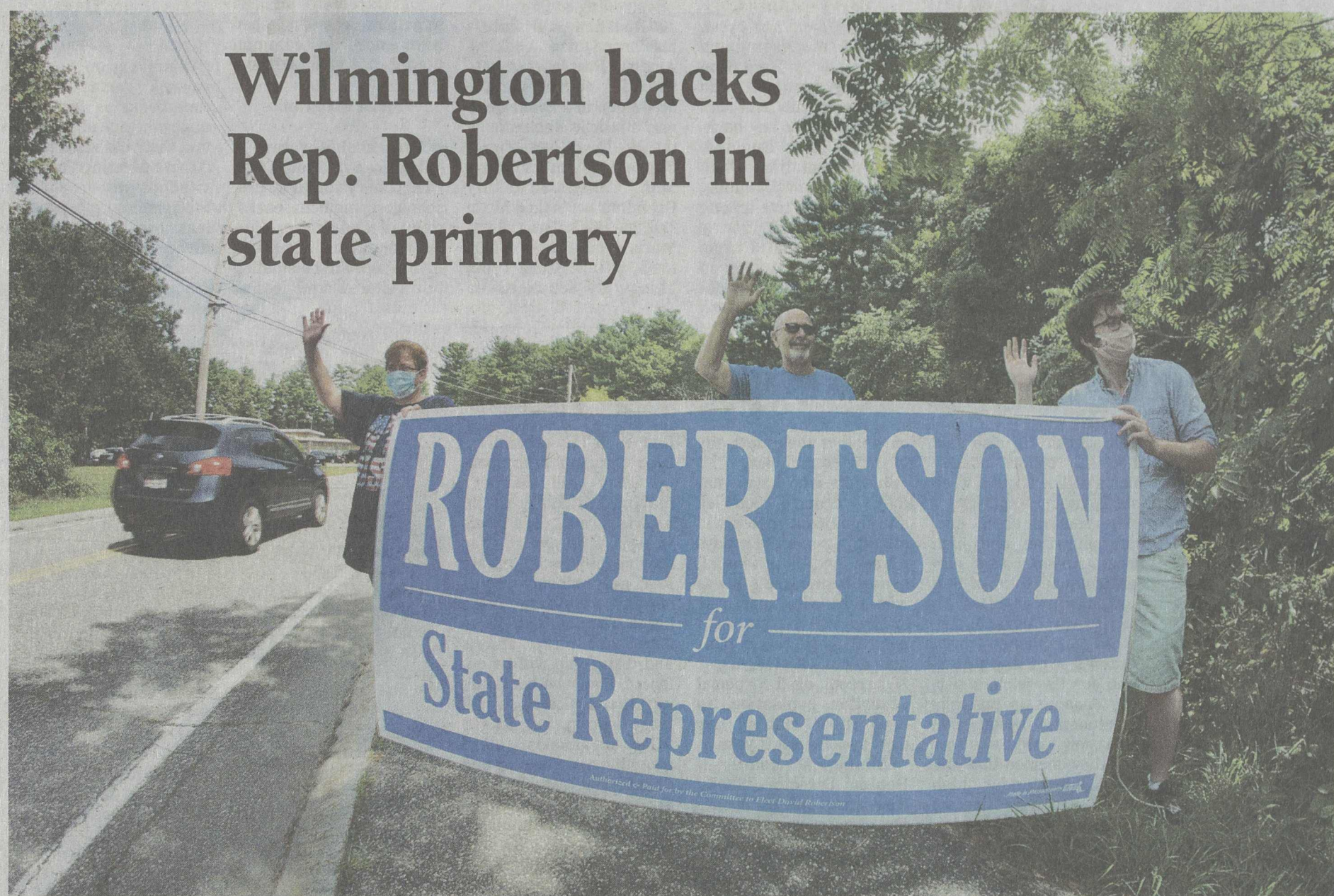
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## Wilmington backs Rep. Robertson in state primary



The scene at Wilmington Town Hall polling place (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

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## Rolling Rally instead Annual flea market, fire apparatus parade cancelled

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Mass Antique Fire Apparatus Association recently announced the cancellation of the 43rd annual MAFAA Flea Market and Fire Apparatus Parade. This event was originally scheduled to be held in June at the Shriners Auditorium, but was postponed until September due to the recent pandemic.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the organization was forced to cancel this annual event.

The Mass Antique Fire

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## Not everyone on board with hybrid approach to school reopening

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At last Wednesday night's meeting, the Wilmington School

Committee heard an update about the school reopening plan. Since the committee recently voted in favor of a hybrid model that starts with remote, the public comments that were read in the beginning of the meeting were all related.

A number of residents shared their support for the hybrid learning model identified as the best option by the reopening committee. That said, some of them questioned the necessity of the phased-in

approach that starts with remote learning. This seemed to be in part due to their lack of faith in remote learning from this past spring.

The consensus among a few residents was to say that a "silent majority" supports full in-person learning this fall.

One resident said, "It's disingenuous to believe that an ineffective remote learning environment can fulfill all needs."

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## School Committee consider meeting in person

By LIZZY HILL  
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WILMINGTON — The School Committee deliberated over resuming meetings in-person and a sample face mask policy when they met on Zoom last Wednesday night. They began their meeting at 7 p.m. with the approval of several warrants and previous meeting minutes.

The only item in the

Superintendent's Report was to share that Brian Caira is now the interim assistant principal at the Wilmington Middle School. He'll be supporting Interim Principal Dr. Jeanette Quirk while Alexander Philips is still out on a leave of absence.

After hearing all of the public comments, the committee talked about whether they'd feel comfortable resuming in-person meetings starting as

soon as their next meeting on Sept. 9. School Committee Chair Jenn Bryson explained that after talking to WCTV, the safest way to meet would include the audience online or watching from home.

Public commenters or guest presenters could be brought into the meeting room one at a time to speak or presented via a

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## Wilmington Virtual Library News:

## Library open by appointment, but closed for Labor Day

## Library Closed for Labor Day

The library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 5 and Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

## Library Open by Appointment

Patrons may make an appointment for a 50 minute session to browse on the first floor, use the copier/ FAX machine, or visit the Youth Services Department. Reservations may be made online or by calling the library at 978-658-2967. Per the Governor's directive, all patrons over the age of two are required to wear masks while in the library. Patrons will also be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. Patrons can also continue to utilize curbside service Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri-

day and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Library on the Lawn offers outside browsing on Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon and Thursday 5 to 7 p.m.

## WML Programs Gone Virtual!

See our entire calendar of events and register for programs at [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org).

## Adult Programs

## One on One Virtual Tech Help with Brad

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

If you are having an issue with a piece of technology or have some questions about something before you go out and buy it, register for a one-on-one session with Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna

## Library on the Lawn

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Thursdays 5 - 7 p.m.

Would you like to browse and checkout books and DVDs? Be sure to stop by the front of the library to peruse carts of adult, teen, and children's materials. Masks are required and we ask all to respect social distancing. This event will not take place during inclement weather.

## How to Identify Backyard Birds

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

This is an engaging and interactive presentation featuring common and likely resident and migrant visitors to any backyard in New England. This presentation offers ID tips on some challenging birds that live among us like Hairy vs. Downy Woodpecker and Purple vs. House Finch. Tips on feeding birds to attract

the most diversity are also provided. Set up as a bird-quiz, audience members love to test their own knowledge. Presented Steve Hale, an avid outdoorsman and birder, who holds a Ph.D in Natural Resources from University of New Hampshire.

## Author Talk with Fredrik Backman

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Bestselling author Fredrik Backman will discuss his brand new book — *Anxious People* — in conversation with moderator Jo Golden in a Zoom webinar. Fredrik Backman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Bear-town*, *Us Against You*, *Things My Son Needs to*

Know about the World and two novellas, *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* and *The Deal of a Lifetime*. His books are published in more than forty countries. He lives in Stockholm with his wife and two children. *Anxious People* is a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

## Youth Programs

## Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5. Zoom Meeting Room invitations will be emailed to registered attendees at

least one hour before the event.

## Time for Twos

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.

This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Zoom Meeting Room invitations will be emailed to registered attendees at least one hour before the event.

## Baby Time

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

Zoom Meeting Room invitations will be emailed to registered attendees at least one hour before the event.

## Committee discusses reopening plan

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Another resident said, "Let us acknowledge the low risk of COVID but the high risk of children falling behind academically and socially."

One commenter mentioned they'd like to see hybrid switch to in-person learning eventually.

Another concern residents shared in their public comments was how much, or perhaps how little, planning and attention is going into cohort C, the opt-in remote only group.

"There is a feeling that choosing remote is choosing an inferior education," one resident said.

Parents wanted to know that a Wilmington teacher would be teaching their children remotely instead of a third party program.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand started the school reopening update with the results of the family learning model selection survey. While a large number of parents and guardians had completed the survey wrong delaying the results, he said that about one class per grade per school will be remote at the elementary level, 50-60 students per grade at the middle school, and 76 for all grades combined at the

high school. He also said that the cohort assignments will be about a week late going out to parents.

The section about special education and high needs students was presented by Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown Legrand. Legrand established these students will be prioritized for as much in-person learning as possible. As students' needs have been reevaluated, she said that they decided that students falling under "high needs" and also meeting two out of these three criteria will have full in-person learning: having services provided outside of the general education classroom, services provided by special education teachers, and services constituting more than 75 percent of that student's school day.

The director also said full in person learning will be granted to students who have a disability that prevents them from remote learning, students who use aided and augmentative communication, students who are homeless or in foster care, and students dually identified as English learners, regardless of where they fall in terms of their needs

or whether they meet any of the other criteria.

Students who have what they've deemed "complex and significant" needs will attend in person four days a week, and those who fall in low to moderate needs who otherwise meet the criteria will be put in a normal hybrid cohort. This plan allows 143 students, or 21 percent of the special education population, to have either four or five days in-person this year.

Wilmington Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse gave an update for coronavirus cases in town, with current numbers at seven positive cases and seven residents in quarantine. Two of the positive cases, she said, are away at college quarantining. She added that the trend continues to be with 20-30-year olds catching the virus.

A joint memo from DESE and the Department of Public Health was then presented by Director of Nursing Services Doreen Crowe. Among the updates in guidance were a new definition of "close contact" to be having 15 minutes of direct contact within six feet, masks required for students of all ages, and the fever threshold changing to 100.0 degrees. The committee seemed to be concerned about how close contact would be tracked throughout the day.

In the student transportation section, it was said that bus riders would be given an ID card to ensure

that each bus doesn't exceed maximum occupancy. They said that this may force students within a certain radius of schools to walk this year. So far they've only had to create four new mid-day routes without requiring more buses. The committee also asked about how masks and distancing will be enforced and whether loading in order of stops will make boarding take longer.

George Hooper talked about the new cleaning and disinfecting techniques and equipment for custodians at all Wilmington schools. One of the new tools in use is called the victory electrostatic sprayer, and it can only be used at the end of the day once teachers have left. He mentioned that classrooms will be disinfected daily and bathrooms twice a day.

Dr. Brand finished the presentation with next steps after he talked about the priority areas for the 10 days training and professional development for staff. He said they'll be focusing on health, safety, and wellbeing, addressing the needs of students, curriculum planning, reengagement, and use of technology platforms. He also noted that there are still questions of protocols and procedures, HVAC assessments, negotiations with the WTA, staff availability, and scheduling logistics to be worked out before the first day of school.

## Com. to meet in person

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Zoom call, which would be rebroadcasted from someone's laptop.

Bryson also said that using Zoom at all with the live WCTV broadcast would be difficult.

"The meeting feed from WCTV wouldn't be played within the Zoom session, because there would be audio and feedback issues," she continued.

If a School Committee member needed to participate remotely at all, she mentioned that it would be easier to have them call in from a phone instead of on Zoom.

M.J. Byrnes asked if public comments could be made via a phone conference, which the committee agreed would be better. However, the committee wanted to keep the option for the comments to be emailed and then read aloud so that they could maintain the current level of public engagement.

Jay Samaha asked if not allowing the public into the room physically goes against public meeting laws, and David Ragsdale said that he thinks it's allowed as long they provide access to the public via WCTV. The committee agreed unanimously to hold their Sept. 9 meeting in person and see how it affects custodial service before they decide to resume in-person meetings permanently.

The committee agreed to save appointing the superintendent to the

SEEM Board and assigning committee members to the committee to hire an OPM for the new town hall/school administration building for next time. They also didn't vote on the revised calendar, which was on the meeting agenda.

They next went through their first reading of the MASC sample policy for face coverings. Some of the edits they wanted to see before the second reading included requiring masks for all grades and having the school nurse field decisions regarding exemptions. Dr. Brand allowed these suggestions to be taken into account for the next reading of the policy.

The final item of the night was to potentially reorganize their subcommittee assignments, but the only change was to assign Bryson, Ragsdale, and Samaha to the new Equity Subcommittee. Jo Newhouse did ask if there would be a conflict having a committee member who's a parent of a student with an IEP as the representative for CPAC.

Byrnes said she believed that to be the case, since the parent would be a CPAC member, but she also said that it had been six or seven years since she asked that question.

The next School Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9 with the committee in person and played live simultaneously on WCTV.

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## Rental Real Estate under Section 199A

— PART II —

Section 199A of the Internal Revenue Code allows individuals a deduction of up to 20% of income from a domestic "trade or business" operated as a sole proprietorship or through a partnership, S corporation, trust, or estate. A rental real estate business can meet the safe harbor as long as "at least 250 hours of rental services" are performed with respect to the rental real estate enterprise, under parameters described last week in Part I.

Rental services can be performed on behalf of the rental real estate business by any of a broad range of persons, including any property owner directly, or by employees, agents, or independent contractors of the owner. Thus, a property owner that hires a management company to perform rental services for the property should be able to include the time spent by the management company (and its employees) in determining whether the 250 hour requirement is met.

In addition, for the purposes of meeting the 250 hour requirement, taxpayers may group similar properties as one enterprise. However, commercial and residential rental properties may not be part of the same rental real estate enterprise, and taxpayers may not modify treatment year by year "unless there has been a significant change in facts and circumstances."

Additionally, there are two arrangements that are specifically excluded. First, any property rented under a "triple net lease" is excluded. A triple net lease "includes a lease agreement that requires the tenant or lessee to pay taxes, fees, and insurance, and to be responsible for maintenance activities for a property in addition to rent and utilities." The word "include" suggests that a lease arrangement under which the lessor pays some expenses may still qualify as a triple net lease. Second, any property used by the taxpayer as a residence for part of the year under section 280A is also excluded.

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## 25 students named to Dean's List at UNH

DURHAM, NH — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester.

- Justin Trevisani of Wilmington for earning Highest Honors. Trevisani is majoring in BusAdm:Finance.
- Nicole Gianatassio of Wilmington for earning Honors. Gianatassio is majoring in BusAdm:Marketing.
- Natalie Medros of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Medros is majoring in Communication Sci & Disorders.
- Andrew Almeida of Wilmington for earning Highest Honors. Almeida is majoring in Exercise Science.
- Molly O'Shea of Wilmington for earning High Honors. O'Shea is majoring in Psychology.
- Thomas Goodwin of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Goodwin is majoring in Undeclared.
- Emily Morris of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Morris is major-

ing in BusAdm:Marketing.

- Katelyn Newton of Wilmington for earning Honors. Newton is majoring in Nursing.
- Cameron Pickett of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Pickett is majoring in BiomedSci: MedLabSci.
- Holly Doyle of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Doyle is majoring in Nursing.
- Christina Amato of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Amato is majoring in Biology.
- Ryan Williams of Wilmington for earning Highest Honors. Williams is majoring in Physics.
- Joseph Rebeiro of Wilmington for earning Highest Honors. Rebeiro is majoring in Civil Engineering.
- Ryan Bailey of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Bailey is majoring in HumanDevelopment & Family Studies.
- Michael Cocca of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Cocca is

majoring in BusAdm: Management.

- Eric Ayvazian of Wilmington for earning High Honors. Ayvazian is majoring in Business Administration.
- Chloe McCauley of Wilmington for earning High Honors. McCauley is majoring in Psychology.
- Alexandra Kelly of Tewksbury for earning Highest Honors. Kelly is majoring in Occupational Therapy.
- Jaclyn Harrington of Tewksbury for earning High Honors. Harrington is majoring in Nutrition.
- Michael Slagle of Tewksbury for earning Highest Honors. Slagle is majoring in Community & Environ Planning.
- Molly Hodgson of Tewksbury for earning Highest Honors. Hodgson is majoring in Psychology.
- Teagan Trant of Tewksbury for earning Highest Honors. Trant is majoring in Nursing.
- Mikayla Ruocchio of Tewksbury for earning

High Honors. Ruocchio is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

- Samantha Schultz of Tewksbury for earning Highest Honors. Schultz is majoring in Genetics.
- Mathew Fiore of Tewksbury for earning Honors. Fiore is majoring in BusAdm:Finance.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

To learn more about the opportunities at the University of New Hampshire visit: [www.unh.edu](http://www.unh.edu).



## Gaze upon The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

Amongst the backdrop of these turbulent, political times, lies an artistic oasis surrounded by natural beauty.

Set on 6.1 acres between 7th and 9th Street in Washington D.C., The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden offers mind provoking works of modern art in the tranquil setting of a city botanical park.

When designs were first created for the National Mall by Charles Pierre L'Enfant in 1790, a public, landscaped garden was designed to be on the north-side of Washington D.C.

In 1966, the White House announced plans to add sculptures to the site of this landscaped garden as an outdoor extension of the National Art Gallery.

The Sculpture Garden was designed by landscape architect Laurie Olin, and opened to the public in 1999.

The garden features 21

modern art sculptures from a variety of artists from around the world.

Some pieces, such as Hector Guimard's "An Entrance To the Paris Metropolitan" were created as early as 1902. Other pieces are mid-century modern, like the classic "Type-writer Eraser," created by Claes Oldenburg.

Oldenburg received attention in the art world in the 1960's and 70's for his visualized public monuments based on common objects such as clothes pins, scissors, and the now extinct, type-writer eraser.

Pieces like the breathtaking "Graft," created by artist Roxy Paine, were added to the collection in the garden in the early and mid 2000's. The "Graft," which was added to the collection in 2008, features a shiny, stainless steel, lifesize tree, which relates to the many mature, natural trees in the garden.

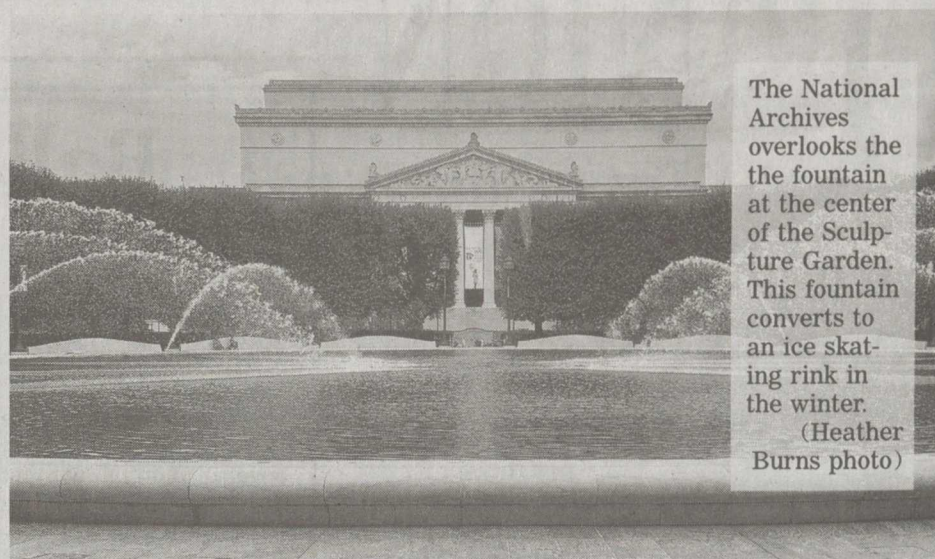
Botanically speaking, there are 33 different

varieties of trees in the garden, including elms, magnolias, oaks, and cedars.

Plantings of perennials, groundcover, shrubs and annual flowering plants finish off the pristine grounds surrounding these magnificent works of art in the gardens collection.

In the center of the garden there is a monumental water fountain that converts to an ice skating rink in the winter months. In the background of the fountain area, the impressive National Archives Building can be seen, making for a pleasant place to sit and relax and enjoy the view of the city of our nation's capital.

To maintain all of this natural beauty, The National Gallery of Art has its own department of horticulture. This department not only maintains the lush beauty of the Sculpture Garden, but also the grounds around the museum, including the famous Tulip display around the fountain in early spring and the re-



The National Archives overlooks the fountain at the center of the Sculpture Garden. This fountain converts to an ice skating rink in the winter. (Heather Burns photo)

cent plantings of Magnolia and Cherry trees next to the East Building of the museum.

While the outside gardens flourish in the warm months, staffers are busy in the National Gallery's onsite greenhouses, preparing plantlife to be displayed in the museum during the winter months. Large flowering Hibiscus trees, Weeping Pussy Willows, Christmas Poinsettias, and Easter Lilies are just a few of the many plants that are moved in and out of the museum for display throughout the year.

The National Gallery of

Art Sculpture Garden reopened to the public on June 20 after a shutdown due to the pandemic.

In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the garden has reduced their daily hours of operation to 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and are limiting the capacity with only one gate open for entry and another for exit to encourage a proper flow for social distancing.

The National Gallery of Art's West Building ground floor galleries have also recently reopened to the public. Admission to both the garden and the gallery are free, but timed passes are required for the inside

gallery, and can be obtained on their website [www.nag.gov](http://www.nag.gov).

Just this past week, a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest took place on the National Mall, which is just a stone's throw away from the tranquil Sculpture Garden. While political views, hate and fear still divide our great nation, The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, with its peaceful ambience and natural beauty surrounded by centuries of history of our great nation, offers the seedling of hope to be planted for a better tomorrow.

## Tewksbury, Wilmington libraries to host author Fredrik Backman on Sept. 12

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — The Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library have joined forces to host bestselling author Fredrik Backman for a Zoom webinar on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Backman will be discussing his brand new book, "Anxious People," in conversation with moderator Joe Golden.

Space is limited. Registration is required and can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/anxiouspeople](http://www.tinyurl.com/anxiouspeople).

While this virtual event is completely free, attendees can purchase an autographed copy of the book to be shipped to their homes from the event's bookstore partner — Wellesley Books — at [www.tinyurl.com/BUYanxiouspeople](http://www.tinyurl.com/BUYanxiouspeople). 10 percent of each sale will be donated to the libraries.

Fredrik Backman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "A Man Called Ove," "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry," "Britt-Marie Was Here," "Beartown," "Us Against You,"

"Things My Son Needs to Know about the World and two novellas," "And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer," and "The Deal of a Lifetime."

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His newest book, "Anxious People," is a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else but her-

self, and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place.

Add to the mix an 87-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them — the bank robber included — desperately crave some sort of rescue.

As the authorities and the media surround the premises, these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next.

Jo Golden, the event's moderator, is a marketing and content strategist for BookBub, an ebook discovery platform. She loves reading, talking about and (attempting) to write books, and can't get enough of coming-of-age stories and creepy psychological thrillers. She lives in Boston with her husband.

This event is sponsored by a collection of North of Boston libraries, including the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Billerica Public Library, Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, Tewksbury Public Library, Wilmington Memorial Library, and Woburn Public Library.

This event is a part of a series of virtual discussions with bestselling authors held this fall. The next event in the series features a discussion with Kyle Mills, author of Total Power, the latest book in the Mitch Rapp series created by Vince Flynn, on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.



### Chamber Corner

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## Tewksbury to light gazebo purple for National Overdose Awareness Day

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Police Department, in collaboration with the Front Line Initiative, honored National Overdose Awareness Day on Monday, Aug. 31 with a lighting of the town center gazebo purple in memory of those who we have lost.

This year, due to the pandemic, they have taken the lighting of the gazebo virtual. They hosted a virtual event starting at 7 p.m. on the Front Line Initiative Facebook page to commemorate those who the town has lost to overdoses in the past year.

This year's lighting of the gazebo is proudly sponsored in part by Salem Five Bank.

Residents had the opportunity to hear from Chief Ryan Columbus and Front Line Initiative Prevention Division Director Maria Ruggiero. The event ended with the official lighting of the gazebo purple.

This annual event marks the beginning of a two month focus on awareness around substance misuse throughout the region as part of the Front Line Initiative's focus on Recovery Awareness (September) and Substance Abuse Awareness (October).

During these two nationally recognized months of focused awareness the Front Line Initiative and its area partners will host

various virtual events to bring attention to the work being done in local communities.

If you or someone you know needs help with substances or mental health, please reach out to the Front Line Initiative's Community Line at (978)-215-9642 and a member of their clinical staff will

work with you.

For more information on the Tewksbury Police or our Behavioral Health programming with the Front Line Initiative please visit the website at <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/police-department/pages/behavioral-health-assistance>

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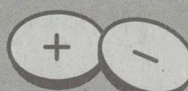
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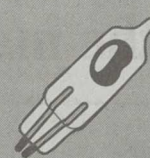
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# OPINION

## Learn about the history of UMass Lowell on Sept. 3

LOWELL — Are you a graduate of UMass Lowell? Maybe you're a proud mother or father of an alum? Join Professor Marie Frank, author of the new book, "University of Massachusetts Lowell: 125 Years," to celebrate the rich history of the school on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Learn about the school and its many iterations — Lowell Norman School, Lowell Textile School, Lowell Teacher's College, Lowell State College, Lowell Technological In-

stitute, University of Lowell, and — finally — the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Frank will honor the school's past and present while preserving the memory of its students, faculty, staff, buildings, events and traditions.

Space is limited for this free event. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/history-ofuml](http://www.tinyurl.com/history-ofuml).

This event is a collaboration between the Tewksbury Public Library and the Pollard Memorial Library of Lowell.

## Outdoor Public Health Museum tours resume

TEWKSBURY — The Public Health Museum is starting its outdoor campus tours again. The docent-led outdoor tour showcases the history and architecture of the Tewksbury Hospital campus.

Learn about this working community, lives of former patients and staff, and the hospital's connection to public health. Archival photos and historical data are referenced in the tour.

Limited to eight people, the first tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please email [tours@publichealth-](mailto:tours@publichealthmuseum.org)

[museum.org](http://museum.org) to reserve your spot.

### Details:

Email the names, phone number(s), and email addresses of each person in your party to [tours@publichealthmuseum.org](mailto:tours@publichealthmuseum.org). The tour is first come, first served, and once spots are filled, a waiting list will be created for future tour dates.

Tours are \$10 per person and we ask for exact change in an unsealed envelope. Masks are required at all times. Visitors will maintain proper social distance.

By PAUL ANDREWS

How could we ever have gotten through the past several months without our technology that we have been able to establish in most homes and businesses today. We can remember the times when such a process as "Zoom calls" were unknown along with the advanced technology, which were either available in homes or supplied by local school districts to assist students on their "remote assignments."

I want to take just a moment to remind all that in the Town Crier area we are blessed to have access to the internet unlike communities in far western Massachusetts, near the NY line where the internet is lacking as officials remind you from the area, at this time with "hot spots" being considered for placement in the cities and towns.

Home offices have also added to the positive steps taken by those lucky enough to have a spare room somewhere to convert into an office with all the basics needed including a copier, etc. to be fully operational to handle work, school and yes even the chance to obtain whatever information they need at home. Home offices have for many become a necessity.

**Ballot time**  
Elections captured us

## Ballot time, racial issues and area topics

these past weeks with a huge primary race that had been front and center as the popular Senator Ed Markey was being challenged by Congressman Joseph Kennedy with a real hard fought campaign coming to an end. Special thanks go to the city and town clerks for their great work to get the polls ready for election day for a projected large vote. Special thanks also are extended to the the clerks and their staff for the work on the pre-election mail balloting to allow folks to vote before the election for a host of reasons.

Also, the same thanks are extended to them for the great effort in organizing the pre-election day voting times so folks could vote when they have conflicts on election day.

We have seen an interesting twist this year in finding the Postmaster General being the subject of a Congressional investigation for the removal of postal equipment felt essential to the movement of mail, as the cutback in postal funding is captivating the discussion. What I know is that our postal workers are under-appreciated in terms of their work and diligence.

While I heard Congressman Lynch of South Boston speaking at the Congressional hearing and asking the Postmaster General if he was going to replace the high speed postal machines

that were removed, the problem to me was loud and clear. The answer came back with a loud "no" from the Postmaster." Just, WOW, this issue seems closed to him, as the mystery continues on whether the voting system for the national election will be a victim of a conspiracy or will be normal, as we all hope and pray.

### Racial diversity

Robert Livingston, a professor at the Kennedy School at Harvard University, says that studies show that as a group, white Americans believe anti-black racism has decreased over the last 50 years, and most believe anti-white discrimination is as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other people of color. The author commented that there was a shift, however, after the death of George Floyd with what he says is "toward greater awareness of systemic racism."

Livingston comments that "there is the belief that racism is the result of malicious intent" (a few bad apples). The point is, says Livingston, that "unconscious bias is operating to people of color." He makes the point that we need to be careful of this whether it exists or not, as often this can result.

A good colleague of mine, Superintendent Dan Gutekanst of Needham comments how his school district tries hard to be

inclusive with families and students commenting, "our students and staff of color experience the sting and pain of racism routinely, and educators must acknowledge this." Dan adds that "our intent is to embrace rather than dodge the awkward and difficult discussion about race in an effort to break down barriers, celebrate diversity and share unique perspectives."

In truth, Dan says, "young people have less difficulty than adults with these discussions."

### Just some thoughts — Morning Pulse extractions

Following are some Morning Pulse extractions: The housing market is on a sugar high; Very low carbohydrate diets found beneficial for elderly population with obesity; FBI investigating COVID-19 data breach in South Dakota; Massive teacher retirements could hurt pensions; New survey says pandemic is draining Americans' emergency savings; Mortgage rates are going up; Educators increasingly considering early retirement; Pandemic sparks annuities panic among retirees; Generous Americans giving more during the pandemic; Private flights see rise in demand amid pandemic and Walmart sounds a warning on the economy.

Thanks for your comments, stay well and feel free to e-mail me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org)

## DA Marian Ryan launches new task force to address incidents of hate and bias

WOBURN — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced the launch of her new Anti-Hate, Anti-Bias Task Force to address the increase of hateful, biased and racist incidents occurring in local communities. The Task Force, made up of stakeholders, including lawmakers, mayors, faith leaders, educators and youth leaders, community advocates and law enforcement takes a multi-pronged approach to engage the community in addressing these issues.

"As we continue to be engaged in a national conversation about racial equality and bias it is clear to me that in order to ensure the safety and

security for everyone in all of our cities and towns and to live up to our ideals as a Commonwealth and a Nation, we must act urgently to address the incidents of hate and intolerance happening in our own backyards," said District Attorney Ryan. "The goal of this task force is to identify, address and prevent these events from happening in our communities."

District Attorney Ryan created the task force in response to numerous incidents that have occurred across Middlesex County, including the defacing of a mural of George Floyd in Stoneham, anti-Semitic graffiti in Arlington and Bedford,

and a man alleged to have driven at a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters in Newton.

By bringing together community leaders to address these incidents, the District Attorney's Office will be able to more rapidly respond to incidents and recognize trends that will help with targeted prevention and education.

Knowing the tremendous impact that hateful symbols have, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office has sought to educate and rehabilitate communities through the Juvenile and Young Adult Diversion Program. Recently in Bedford, the Office utilized Restora-

tive Justice to address an instance in which both private business and town property had been defaced with anti-Semitic and lewd images and words.

The first meeting of the Anti-Hate, Anti-Bias Task Force was held via Zoom on Aug. 26, 2020. Participants in the Task Force include: State Representatives Jack Lewis, Tram Nguyen, Tami Gouveia and Maria Robinson, Mayors Ruthanne Fuller of Newton and Yvonne Spicer of Framingham and representatives from Cambridge Health Alliance, UTEC, REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Immigrant Learning Center, Natick Police

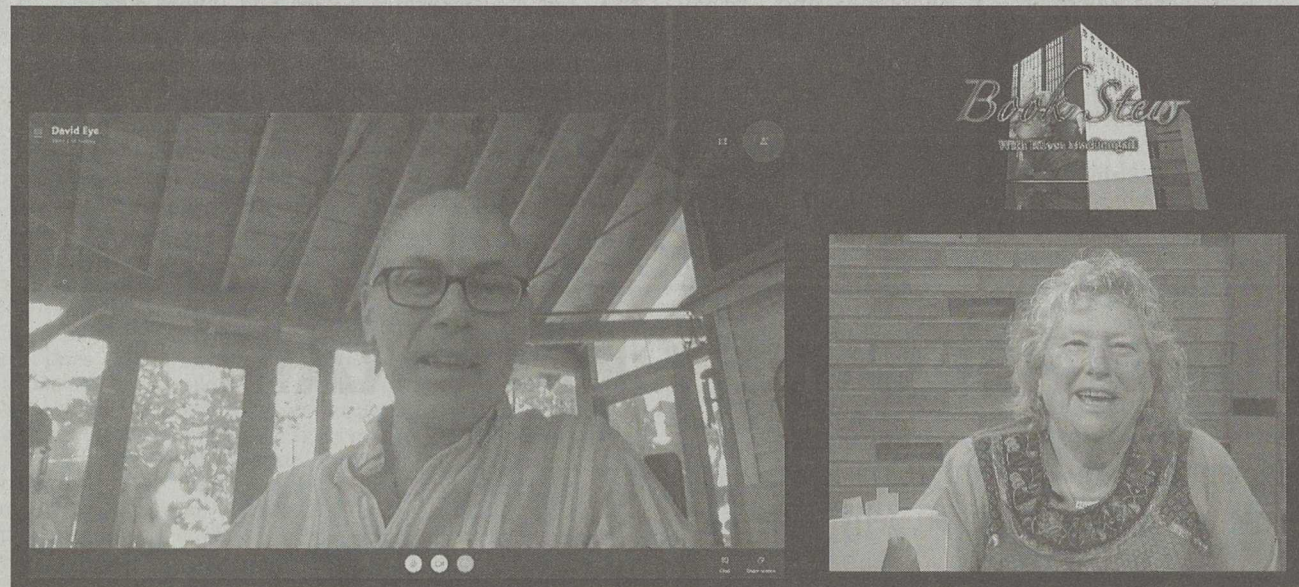
Department, Bedford Police Department, Temple Shalom Emeth, Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ), Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), Framingham Public Schools, Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, Saheli, Somerville School Committee, Medford Public Schools, McGlynn Middle School and staff from the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

During that meeting participants were asked to present on incidents that have occurred in their own communities and to share the impacts of those events. Moving forward, the task force will take a multi-pronged

approach — looking at education, prevention, intervention, reparation, enforcement and legislation.

District Attorney Ryan's decision to employ the Task Force model is informed by the nationally recognized success of the Office's Opioid Task Force. The use of this proven approach highlights district Attorney Ryan's commitment to community-centric, data driven solutions.

The Anti-Hate, Anti-Bias Task Force part of District Attorney Ryan's approach to confronting systemic racism in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and across communities.



▲ David Eye, poet, shares the secret of what makes a good poem (it's what gets cut out) with Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall. (Courtesy photo)

## The puzzling and the math of poetry on Book Stew

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All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

Eileen MacDougall, Book Stew host, is decidedly NOT a poetry fan. Or she wasn't, until she interviewed David Eye, professional poet, for the October episode.

Skipped in from David's bucolic Catskill Mountain cabin, here's your chance to hear and understand three short works, two from his book "Seed," and one new one reflecting the complexity of recent times.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand:

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Podcast:  
<https://soundcloud.com/wctvpodcasting/book-stew-ep-82-david-eye>

## ~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Don't throw it in a landfill. Used but usable items may be wanted by your neighbors. Consider listing your items on [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org), Everything is Free Tewksbury on Facebook, Patch Neighbor forum, or [TewksburyIssues.org](http://TewksburyIssues.org).

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# OBITUARIES

## Gerard Forgett, Sr.

Volunteer with Wilmington Rec Department

Gerard Forgett, Sr., age 73, of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 26, 2020.

Gerard was born on July 14, 1947 in Cambridge; he was the son of the late Arthur E. and Eileen (Sullivan) Forgett. Gerard was raised in Cambridge and graduated from St. Mary's High School.

Following graduation, Gerard attended Lydon State College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. After entering the workforce, Gerard returned to school and earned his master's degree from Northeastern University.

Gerard worked in human resources for several departments in the federal government.

Gerard married Mary Elizabeth (Osgood) on May 26, 1973. The couple moved to Wilmington in 1975, where they raised their three children, Gerard, Jr., Jaime and Kevin. They enjoyed many family memories such as holidays and trips.

Gerard was involved with the community. He was well-known for his commitment and dedication to the Wilmington Recreation

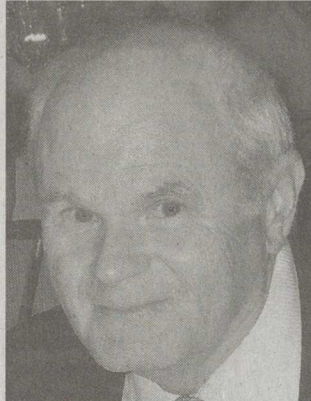
Basketball Program for over 20 years. Gerard volunteered countless hours organizing schedules, uniforms, and gymnasiums, but his focus was to teach the kids how to play basketball.

Gerard was respected by the players, parents, and coaches.

In his spare time, Gerard enjoyed golfing and played basketball into his 60s.

Gerard will be remembered as a loving husband, father and "Papa." He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Gerard was the beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth (Osgood) Forgett, devoted father of Gerard Forgett, Jr. and his wife Stephanie, Jaime Pickles and her husband John all of Methuen and Kevin Forgett and his wife Emily of Denver, CO, loving "Papa" of Hailee, Courtney, Thomas, Ryan, Annie and Caroline, cherished son of the late Arthur E. and Eileen (Sullivan) Forgett, dear brother of Lawrence "Lonnie" Forgett and his wife Helen of Boston and the late Arthur Forgett and his wife Carol of Woburn.



Gerard is also survived by his brother-in-law Paul Osgood of Lynn, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Monday, Aug. 31 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Graveside Funeral Service took place in Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 10 a.m. All guests were required to wear masks in the Funeral Home.

Memorial donations in Gerard's name may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Amelia Ann (Woodman) Thomas

Family to hold private service later this year

Amelia Ann (Woodman) Thomas, 102, died peacefully at Belvedere Health Center, Lowell on Aug. 12, 2020.

Born in Washburn, Maine on Aug. 27, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Bertha (Crouse) and Wallace Woodman of Washburn ME. She was the wife of the late Orin Thomas, Jr and raised five children with him in Rutland, VT.

Amelia is survived by her daughter Jane (Thomas) and Raymond Forest of Wilmington brother Ellsworth and Delores Woodman of Washburn, ME, sister-in-law Margaret Woodman of Presque Isle ME, in-laws Helen

and William Thomas of Rutland VT, daughter-in-law Patricia Bergman of Colonial Beach VA, grandchildren Deidre, Michael, and Eric Austin, Lisa Gordman, Leslie Thomas, Richard Thomas, Jr (Holly), Michele Stump (Joseph), Rebecca Forest (David Bulley), Russell Forest (Diane), and so many wonderful nieces, nephews, and great grandchildren.

Amelia was predeceased by her children Richard Thomas, Mary Austin, Steven Thomas and Laurie Magowan, and her siblings Wallace, Iris, Ada, Phyllis, Llewellyn, Belford, Chester, and Natalie.



Due to COVID19, the family will have a private memorial in the coming year.

For the full obituary, and to share condolences and memories visit [amelia-ann-thomas@forever-missed.com](mailto:amelia-ann-thomas@forever-missed.com)

## Harvey, Cocca graduate from RIT

ROCHESTER, NY — Elizabeth Harvey of Wilmington graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in mechanical engineering technology and Matthew Cocca of Tewksbury graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in chemical engineering.

Some 4,000 degrees were conferred in the 2019-2020 academic year at all of RIT's campuses. A virtual

celebration was held May 8 at [rit.edu/classof2020](http://rit.edu/classof2020).

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and

ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

## Annual water main flushing program

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 the Water Division of DPW will begin its annual water main flushing and valve exercising program. The flushing program will be conducted on Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. The program will take approximately eight

weeks to complete.

Flushing the water mains aid in removing sediments that collect in the pipe line resulting in improved water quality. Unfortunately, this work may temporarily cause some discolored water but should become clear after running your cold water for a few minutes.

The water will remain safe to drink during this program.

If you have any questions or problems with your water, please call the DPW — Water Division Office at (978) 658-4711. The DPW wishes to thank residents in advance for your patience in this endeavor.

## Jack Snider enrolls at James Madison Univ.

HARRISONBURG, VA — Wilmington resident Jack Snider has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2020 semester. Snider's selected major is economics.

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## State delegation announces COVID-19 emergency supplemental funding for Tewksbury Fire Department

TEWKSBURY — State Senator Barry Finegold and the state legislative delegation announced that the Tewksbury Fire Department will receive emergency supplemental funding allocated by the Baker-Polito Administration. Nearly \$10M in emergency COVID-19 related funds were allocated to municipal departments across the state. Tewksbury Fire Department will receive \$50,000 for over-

time and operation of a third ambulance in response to the pandemic.

"These funds are crucial for our essential first responders, and the residents in Tewksbury whom they serve and protect," said State Sen. Finegold (D-Andover). "We sincerely appreciate the sacrifices these brave men and women make daily and we will continue to support them with the resources they need to prevent the

spread of COVID-19 while keeping our community safe."

Tewksbury Fire Department is among over 100 local and state public safety agencies who solicited and were approved for emergency funds. As a whole, Massachusetts has significantly mitigated the spread of coronavirus, due in part to the prevention and response efforts made by municipal police and fire departments.

"The emergency COVID funds are so much needed in our communities, and I'm glad that that we are able to provide this support to our local firefighters and make sure that they have the vital resources that they need to do their jobs safely and to reduce the spread of COVID-19, as we continue to battle the virus," said Rep. Tram Nguyen (D - Andover).



In Loving Memory of

**Paula E. Post**

May 31, 1943 –  
September 6, 2008

My wife and mother of my children. If you knew her, you were fortunate enough to know the most beautiful and loving person ever born. She was a wife, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister and a friend. I will always love her.

Richard A. Post

## Tewksbury Community Market to host 22 vendors

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market, now located in the large field across from the Tewksbury Public Library (300 Chandler St.), is open on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Sept. 8 market will feature 22 vendors:

- Cupcake City (cupcakes)
- Fudge 'n' Stuff (fudge, nuts, cashews)
- HG Creations (cotton face masks & surgical scrub masks)
- KC Styles Accessories (jewelry & accessories)
- Kona Ice of Mass (shaved ice)
- MSM Crafts (holiday cards & Halloween boxes)
- My Scrubs Don't Suck (sugar scrubs)
- Nana Bee (small quilted items: microwave bowl cozies, potholders, pouches, masks)
- Pleasant Valley Gardens Farm (fresh veggies)
- Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi)
- Purple Carrot Bread Co. (assortment of breads & pastries)
- Scents Delivered (soaps)
- Shiny Things (neck-

laces, bracelets, anklets, earrings)

- Strangely Handmade (greeting cards, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, glassware, wreaths)
- Sunnyside Candle Co. (candles)
- Sweet Lydia's (smores, marshmallow, candy bars)
- Tewksbury Florist & Greenery (garden mums, pumpkins, gourds & more)
- Tewksbury Honey (honey)
- Tewksbury Public Library Community Garden (fresh veggies)
- Thwaites Market Food Truck (meat pies)
- Usborne Books & More (kids books)
- The Whoopie Wagon (whoopie pies)

In response to COVID-19, customers must wear face coverings, maintain social distance, use the designated entrance and exit, practice good hand hygiene, and not touch products unless purchasing. A hand sanitizer station will be available. Shopping alone is encouraged when feasible.

Please note restrooms will not be available to

customers and the library remains closed to the public at this time.

The Market is following safety guidelines from both the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), as well as guidance from the Tewksbury Health Department.

Customers must park in the library's parking lot. A limited amount of handicap parking is available at the entrance of the field. There is no parking along Hospital Road.

Most vendors accept cash and credit. Pleasant Valley Gardens Farm also accepts WIC, SNAP, EBT and Food Stamps.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or [rhayes@tewburypl.org](mailto:rhayes@tewburypl.org). Visit the Tewksbury Community Market's website at [www.tewbury-market.com](http://www.tewbury-market.com) to learn more. Follow the Tewksbury Community Market's

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for additional market updates throughout the season.

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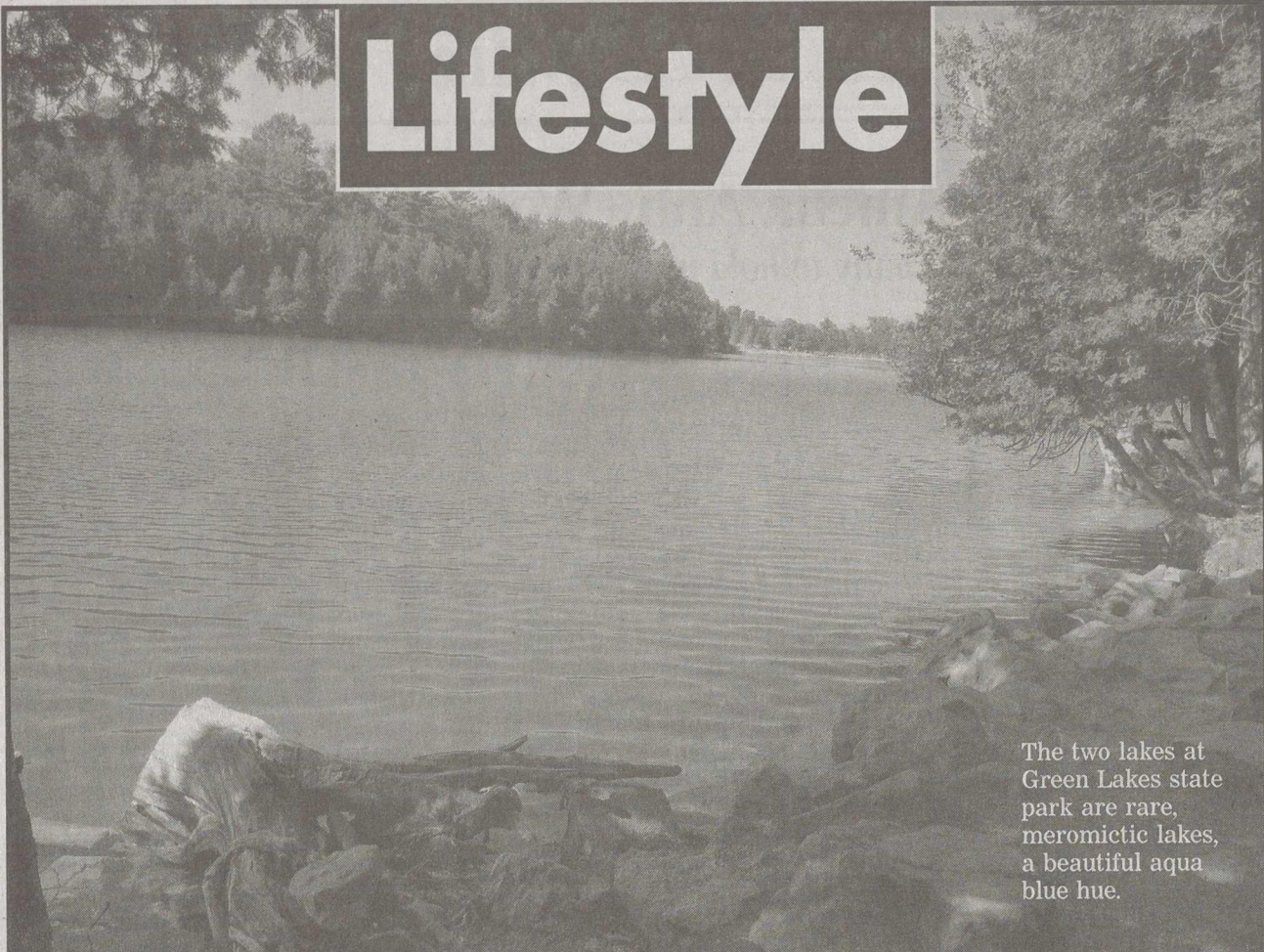
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# Lifestyle



The two lakes at Green Lakes state park are rare, meromictic lakes, a beautiful aqua blue hue.

## Travel to central New York and Green Lakes State Park

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
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**O**n a recent driving trip to Central New York, we explored Green Lakes State Park, a wondrous natural resource area just steps from the Erie Canal Towpath in Fayetteville.

For a modest entry fee we were able to hike and enjoy the amenities of the 11,700 acre facility, popular on a hot summer day. In addition to camping areas and a large swimming area, the park is known for its two namesake lakes, Round Lake and Green Lake.

The lakes are crystal clear and have natural reefs created by bacteria on their edges which are very inviting, but no swimming is allowed in the fascinating formations. The lakes are also quite deep.

Green Lake is 195 feet deep and Round Lake is 180 feet, and are remnants of glacial activity. On the day we visited, the lakes were an impossible-to-imagine aqua blue color. The nature of the lakes is that their layers do not intermix, known as meromictic.



▲ The reefs at Green Lakes state park are created by bacteria and algae. (Paige Impink photos)

New York state has six meromictic lakes, and there are fewer than 40 in the whole country. The surface and bottom layers of water in these lakes never seasonally turns over, and as such, contain rich historical plant and animal evidence, and are actively studied for evidence of climate change. There is no oxygen below the 65

foot depth line, so no decay occurs, and plant material, pollens, and animal matter is preserved. However, there are impressive fish above that line, known as the chemocline, including large-mouth bass, and rainbow trout, so bring your gear. In addition, we learned that Round Lake is a National Natural Landmark.

Green Lakes State park offers 15 miles of hiking trails in and around the lakes, and is also through its maple-basswood forests, and there are areas of old growth with trees estimated to be 300 years old. There is evidence of ancient indigenous peoples, including an oven structure studied by archeologists.

The park allows mountain biking and disc golf, and we were sorry we had forgotten to bring our frisbees. A strong diversity of wildlife, especially birds, are part of the appeal of Green Lakes with an astounding 161 species of birds having been documented, including northern harriers, grasshopper sparrows, and short-eared owls.

Additionally, the park has a golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones which is open to the public.

Should your travels take you through central New York, consider a stop at Green Lakes State park to stretch your legs and get a look at the spectacular lakes. <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/172>

*Note: Massachusetts was not considered a restricted state for travel to New York at the time of visit.*

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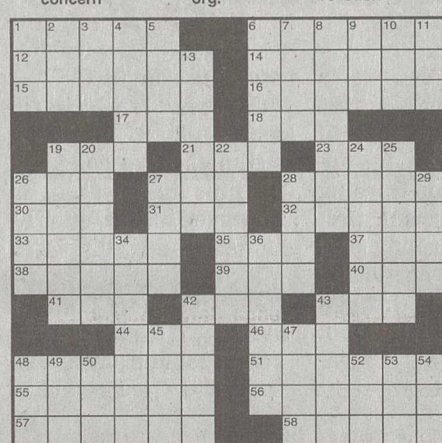
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## Nine students graduate from Roger Williams Univ.

**BRISTOL, RI** — The following local residents were among the students who received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2020:

**Emily Bartnicki**, of Wilmington, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in Dance in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Matthew Leiskau**, of Wilmington, graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Samantha Pitzi**, of Wilmington, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. Educational Studies in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Meghan Rodenhiser**, of Wilmington, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Historic Preservation and B.S. in Architecture in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Jamie Spinazola**, of Wilmington, graduated with a B.S. in Forensic Science in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Ashley Warren**, of Wilmington, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in Communication & Media Studies in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Nicholas Dunlap**, of Tewksbury, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Accounting in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Estelle Penta**, of Tewksbury, graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Management in May as part of the Class of 2020.

**Haley Pozzuto**, of Tewksbury, graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Marketing in May as part of the Class of 2020.

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## Tewksbury receives \$50,000 for fighting coronavirus

**BOSTON** — The Baker-Polito Administration today allocated more than \$9.6 million in federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESFP) grants awarded to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) from the U.S. Department of Justice.

More than 100 local and state public safety agencies including the Tewksbury Fire Department will receive this funding for additional resources to further aid in preventing, preparing for and/or responding to the coronavirus.

"These awards to municipal departments and state agencies across the Commonwealth demonstrate our commitment

to providing our police officers, firefighters, and other public safety personnel with the necessary tools to effectively serve their communities while continuing to fight a pandemic," said Governor Charlie Baker.

Eligible municipalities were invited to solicit up to \$50,000 in total funding to benefit their police and/or fire department needs. In total, 65 fire departments and 44 police departments representing 94 cities and towns will directly benefit from the CESFP awards.

"These grants will help aid local municipalities to purchase the additional safeguards necessary to protect our frontline workers against COVID-19," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "Massachusetts

has made great strides in slowing the spread of this virus, and we will continue to support our local heroes with the resources they need to protect themselves and their communities."

CESFP awards were also made available for competitive solicitation by state public safety agencies responsible for confronting the pandemic. The funding will assist agencies with outfitting staff with personal protective gear, purchasing deep cleaning sanitation equipment for correctional facilities and academies, utilizing video technology to conduct hearings remotely, and obtaining materials to reconfigure office space to enhance social distancing and protect essential workers.

"These funds will address critical needs that will not only protect our essential public safety employees but also the people they protect and serve," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco.

"These awards are well deserved and my office is committed to doing all that it can to continue providing the financial resources needed to assist our state and local officials in their efforts to combat this pandemic," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton.

The CESFP local and state awardees are as follows:

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## Wilmington backs Markey for US Senate

By CASSIA BURNS  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, Massachusetts residents voted in the state primary elections. In addition to traditional in-person voting, many voters opted to utilize absentee, mail-in ballots, and early voting in this year's primary election.

Looking at the competitive Democratic Senate primary between incumbent Ed Markey and current 4th Congressional District Representative Joe Kennedy III, Wilmington favored Markey, by a margin of 2,454 votes to 2,247 votes. This result matched statewide results, though by a narrower margin. On the statewide level, Markey prevailed by a margin of roughly 10 percentage points.

In the Republican Senate primary, Kevin O'Connor won by a margin of 931 votes to 635 votes. Statewide, O'Connor won with roughly 60 percent of the vote, and he will face Markey in the general election.

Looking at the race for the 6th Congressional District, incumbent Seth Moulton dominated, easily winning in Wilmington with 3,791 votes. Challen-

gers Jamie Belsito and Angus McQuilken received 561 and 287 votes, respectively. Moulton also dominated across the district, taking 77 percent of the vote.

On the Republican side, John Paul Moran ran unopposed, gaining 1,385 votes overall in Wilmington. He will face Moulton in the general election on Nov. 3.

In the race for State Representative of the 19th Middlesex District, both Democratic incumbent Dave Robertson and Republican challenger Alec DiFruscia ran unopposed in their respective primaries and will move on to face each other in the general election.

In the State Senate race for the First Essex and Middlesex District, Bruce Tarr ran unopposed in the Republican Primary, gaining 1,410 votes in Wilmington. Tarr will also run unopposed in the general election.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. In addition to statewide races, the 2020 presidential election will also be held on this date. The last day to register to vote for the state general election will be Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON

#### STREET ACCEPTANCE BY BETTERMENT PLAN 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington gives notice that all informal petitions for warrant articles for Acceptance of Streets by Betterment Plan, so called, in the Town of Wilmington for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting must be filed with the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2020.

Jonathan R. Eaton, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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PROPOSER: 887 Woburn, LLC

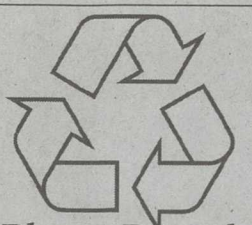
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before 8/31/20

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:  
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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Wilmington, MA where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
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#### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item: **Middlesex Avenue Culvert Lining Project** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read remotely as described in the bid specifications package.

Specifications and bid forms may be downloaded from the Town's Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Bid opening will be conducted via remote meeting on:  
**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 10:00am**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington  
By: Jeffrey M. Hull,  
Town Manager  
200854 9/2/20

## Nine Boston Police Officers arrested for alleged overtime fraud scheme

BOSTON — Nine current and former Boston Police Officers were arrested today and charged in connection with committing over \$200,000 in overtime fraud at the Boston Police Department's evidence warehouse.

Lieutenant Timothy Torigian, 54, of Walpole; Sergeant Gerard O'Brien (retired), 62, of Braintree; Sergeant Robert Twitchell (retired), 58, of Norton; Officer Henry Doherty (retired), 61, of Dorchester; Officer Diana Lopez (retired), 58, of Milton; Officer James Carnes (retired), 57, of Canton; Officer Michael Murphy, 60, of Hyde Park; Officer Ronald Nelson (retired), 60, of Jamaica Plain; and Officer Kendra Conway, 49, of Boston, were each charged in an indictment unsealed today with one count of conspiracy to commit theft concerning programs receiving federal funds and one count of embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds. The defendants will make initial appearances via videoconference in federal court in Boston later today.

"I am a strong supporter of the police, especially in these difficult times. But all must be treated equally under the law, regardless of wealth, power or station," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "These officers are charged with stealing taxpayer money, year after year, through fraud. Beyond the theft of funds, this kind of official misconduct also erodes trust in public institutions, at a time when that trust is most needed. I want to thank Commissioner Willie Gross for his cooperation in this case, and the BPD's Anti-Corruption Unit for its assistance."

"As law enforcement officers, we have a tremendous responsibility to the public we serve, and therefore must be held to the highest standards of trust and integrity. These police officers are accused of

breaking that trust by conspiring to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars to increase their paychecks," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "They are the anomaly from the honest and hard-working men and women of the BPD. We'd like to thank Commissioner Gross and his department for their invaluable assistance in putting an end to this systemic practice and helping us root out these individuals who we believe decided to take advantage of their positions for their own personal gain."

"Law enforcement officers are expected to perform their duties honorably and with integrity, not to take advantage of the system for personal gain. Today, the OIG, along with the FBI, arrested nine current and former Boston police officers who allegedly submitted time slips that did not reflect the hours they actually worked. The OIG is committed to fully investigating all allegations concerning violations of public trust," said Guido Modano, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General New York Field Office.

"As a result of an investigation, information was uncovered by the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Unit regarding alleged payroll/overtime abuse by officers assigned to the Evidence Management Unit. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorney's Office became involved with the criminal investigation into the allegations. As a result of the investigation, former and current Boston Police Officers were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury. Pursuant to applicable law, the officers indicted that currently work for the department have been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the

case." Said Police Commissioner William Gross, "The allegations and behavior alleged in today's indictments is very troubling and in no way reflect the attitudes of the hard-working employees of the Boston Police Department. I hold my officers to the highest standards and expect them to obey all the laws that they have taken an oath to uphold. News of these indictments sends a strong message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated or ignored and can damage the trust my officers have worked so hard to build with the communities we serve."

According to the indictment, the defendants were assigned to Boston Police Department's (BPD) Evidence Control Unit (ECU), where they were responsible for, among other things, storing, cataloging and retrieving evidence at the warehouse. ECU officers were eligible to earn overtime pay of 1.5 times their regular hourly pay rate for overtime assignments. It is alleged that beginning in at least May 2016, the defendants routinely departed overtime shifts two or more hours early but submitted false and fraudulent overtime slips claiming to have worked the entirety of each shift.

One overtime shift, called "purge" overtime, was focused on reducing the inventory of the evidence warehouse. The shift was supposed to be performed from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays. On days which the defendants claimed to have worked until 8:00 p.m., the warehouse was closed, locked and alarmed well before 8:00 p.m., and often by 6:00 p.m. or before. Despite this, it is alleged that the defendants routinely submitted false and fraudulent overtime slips claiming to have worked from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Supervisors, who also left early from this shift, allegedly submitted their own false

and fraudulent slips and also knowingly endorsed the fraudulent overtime slips of their subordinates.

Another shift, called "kiosk" overtime, was available to two ECU officers one Saturday a month from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This shift involved collecting materials, such as unused prescription drugs, from kiosks in each police district in the city and then transporting the materials to an incinerator in Saugus. It is alleged that defendants who performed this overtime shift routinely submitted overtime slips claiming to have worked eight and a half hours when in fact the defendants frequently completed the work and left the shift early, often before 10:00 a.m.

Between May 2016 and February 2019 the defendants allegedly collectively embezzled over \$200,000 in overtime pay. According to court documents, Torigian received over \$43,000 for overtime hours he did not work; Twitchell, O'Brien and Doherty each received over \$25,000 for overtime hours they did not work; Carnes and Lopez each received over \$20,000 for overtime hours they did not work; and Murphy, Nelson and Conway each received over \$15,000 for overtime hours they did not work.

From 2016 through 2018, BPD received annual benefits from the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Justice in excess of \$10,000, which were funded pursuant to numerous federal grants.

The charge of embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss. The charge of conspiracy provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000.

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# Annual MAFAA event will now be rolling rally

MAFAA FROM PAGE 1

Apparatus Association (MAFAA) was founded in 1977 as a local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motorized Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA). The purpose of this organization is to promote and preserve antique motorized fire apparatus.

In place of this year's canceled event, the executive board of the MAFAA voted to have a "Rolling Rally" of antique fire apparatus on Sept. 12 starting at 10 a.m.

The Rally will start in Wilmington on Main Street at the Ristuccia Ice Area parking lot and continue up to Route 62. The rally will then proceed on 62 to Federal Street and end at the Shriners Auditorium, located at 99 Fordham Road.

In recent years the MAFAA has partnered with the Shriners to make their annual event also serve as a fundraiser for the Shriners charities. This year, the MAFAA will be accepting donations from rally participants in order to raise money for the Shriners charities.

MAFAA board member James McGonagle is hopeful that the organization can return to their annual event in 2021, and promises something even better in 2022.

"In 2022, two big firefighting conventions will merge,"



said McGonagle. "The International Muster Association and the MAFAA will join to put on a parade and flea market event much larger than any they have had before."

Until then, McGonagle and the board of the MAFAA would like to thank Wilmington and the surrounding communities for all of their past support, and hope the good people of this community can come out to support the Rolling Rally.

The MAFAA welcomes anyone with an interest in the history of fire service to join their organization.

For more information on the MAFAA, or to become a member, visit [www.mass-mafaa.com](http://www.mass-mafaa.com).

For those interested in donating to the Shriners Hospital for Children, visit [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org).



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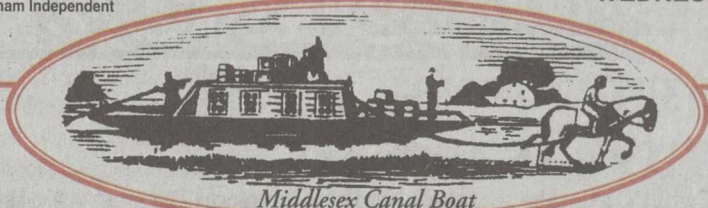
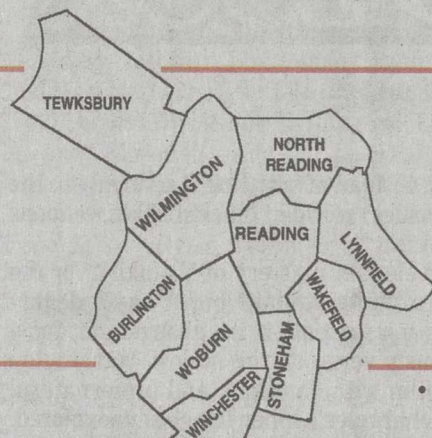






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## Horn Pond project helps bring herring back, alleviate flooding

BY PAT BLAIS

A little over two years ago, Woburn residents caught a glimpse of a phenomenon that hadn't been recorded for generations: The return of Atlantic Ocean herring to Horn Pond.

Now, as area environmentalists track growing populations of native Blueback and Alewife Herring species returning to the area after being absent for a century, city leaders hope funding set aside to tackle climate change can improve the spawning habitat all while reducing large-scale flooding events around a residential neighborhood off of Lake Avenue.

Earlier this summer, during a virtual gathering via video-conferencing service Zoom, city officials joined with environmental activists and representatives from engineering firm Weston & Sampson to unveil a proposed restoration of a bottlenecked stream of the Horn Pond Brook.

The small tributary, fed by the Abjerona River, winds from the Aberjona River to Horn Pond by Scalley Dam, where a fish ladder opened two years ago allowed running herring to end their annual miles-long spawning run that crescendos in May and early June.

"This project has two components," Corey explained during the public forum. "One is to alleviate flooding in the area and the other is to provide better fish migration to Horn Pond."

"There's been some major flooding there over the past decade or so," Justin Gould, a project manager from Weston & Sampson, later elaborated. "[The city engineer] has sent us some pictures from 2010 of some crazy flooding. There's a manmade jut in the stream that narrows the brook where it flows into the dam."

The recent workshop, held to solicit feedback from area abutters, was called after the community studied three options for alleviating the flooding by improving the flow of water along the stream. The analysis was conducted after the city received \$235,000 in Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant (MVP) funding that is aimed at helping cities and towns combat the future challenges of climate change.

Under the preferred brook restoration scenario selected by the study team, the river bed would be restored by cutting back a bottleneck nearby the University Avenue apartment complex. Though the residential complex itself dates back to 1982, the land topography was altered decades ear-

lier when a previous owner filled in a low-lying area by the brook.

The fill, added right near a natural bend in the waterway, apparently blocks excess brook flows from running into a natural wetlands area beside the river bed. The elevated terrain, now the site of nine parking spaces for tenants, is commonly left underwater following severe storms.

According to Gould, to fix that problem, the team would remove part of that fill and widen the green-space along the stream. Weston & Sampson also proposes building back up the opposite side of the brook, where flood-surfged water flows have slowly eroded away from the bank over the past decade.

"That [edge of the parking area] is there from fill that was brought in decades ago, and with that built up area, everything bottlenecks at one of the sharpest bends [of the brook]," Gould said. "So by easing that bend and reducing that fill area, when you have a high-flow or flooding stream, the water can make it over to [the natural low-lying green-space]."

"There's parking provided there and this bump out would be substantially reduced in size, if not eliminated entirely," furthered the Weston & Sampson engineer, who believes four spaces could be recreated in a new parallel parking arrangement. "The reduction of the other five spaces is what we're focusing on right now, so there's no loss in parking."

### MVP grants

Though city officials looked at another alternative which would also presumably alleviate the flooding by shoring up the brook banks and removing downed trees and debris fur-



THE ROADS AND RESIDENCES IN THE VICINITY OF HORN POND BROOK in Woburn already experience flooding, and building this neighborhood's resiliency is a top priority city officials. Flooding in this area could also harm the local herring migration on the Mystic River, which is one of the largest in the Commonwealth. The City of Woburn is beginning a project to restore Horn Pond Brook, while at the same time aiming to reduce localized flooding and improve fish habitat.

ther downstream, that cheaper project option would do nothing to increase flood storage.

According to Weston & Sampson representative Amanda Cohen, an urban planner who focuses on climate resilience projects, based on her research of climate change forecasts, the community should certainly expect to need that extra excess flood capacity.

Specifically, climate scientists say that average temperatures around New England have been rising by roughly one-half of a degree Fahrenheit each decade. By the middle of this century, should those models prove accurate, state residents should be seeing hot summers with more than a five-fold increase in the number of days with 90 degree or higher temperatures. There will also be milder winters marked by a drop in the frequency of below-freezing weather.

Perhaps more importantly, those changes are expected to bring a greater incidence of drought conditions during the summer months and a spike in the number of severe rainfall or high impact storms where more than 2 inches of precipitation is dropped.

"We're expecting an increase an extreme participation. And when we look at the data from the 1950's and 1970s, we can see its increased. What we'll really see is an increase in is the intensity of those storms," she said.

Those looking at restoring the Horn Pond Brook area say the project is exactly the type of improvement envisioned under the state's MVP program.

Established in 2017 by Mass. Governor Charles Baker, the MVP initiative is managed by the state's Executive of-

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

In 'Tenet,' a time-bending thriller for bended times

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

I went in fresh to "Tenet." I didn't have any real sense of the plot, yes, but it's more that it had been some five months since I was last in a movie theater. That's a long hiatus — a dark ages for sitting in the dark — for someone, anyone, used to the going to the movies more days than not. The last film I had seen in a cinema, back in March, was the Vin Diesel vehicle "Bloodshot," so you can imagine my eagerness for a new after-taste.

It's complicated, in a way, to parse the experience. There's the feeling of being back in a movie theater, and then there's the sensations particular to "Tenet." For Christopher Nolan, whose films build their conceptual architecture around the meta-

physics of movies themselves, it's kind of one and the same. His movies are designed, from a molecular level, to unlock innate cinematic powers and glorify the almighty Big Screen — a lonely god these last few months.

As the first major film released in theaters since the pandemic began, "Tenet" has swelled in the minds of anxious moviegoers, adopting the role of savior. Nolan vs. COVID-19 is as much part of the drama of "Tenet" as anything on screen, and just as convoluted and disorienting. Seeing "Tenet" for this critic meant crossing numerous state lines and watching it at a nearly empty movie theater — a luxury of social distancing that won't be possible for most, even in reduced capacity theaters. At its best, moviegoing has always been thrilling, even dangerous. That may be doubly so right now.

For better and worse, "Tenet" is just a movie. It won't beat the virus and it won't single-handedly save movie theaters. It won't even really blow your mind. But for much of its 150-minute running time, Nolan's globe-trotting sci-fi riff on the spy thriller will provide a dazzling escape, one dense with singular imagery and intellectual puzzles. And, perhaps most vitally, it will give a cool, brutalist refresher of the



TENET ANYONE? - Elizabeth Debicki, left, and John David Washington in a scene from Warner Bros. Entertainment new movie release "Tenet." Hopefully viewers will be up for the challenge.

movies' capacity for awe, As he's trying to stop bombs from going off in the theater, an odd thing happens. Tussling with one of the terrorists, a bullet seems to fly backward into the gun. After being taken hostage and tortured, he blacks out. When he wakes up much later, he's told that he's been released from the CIA and been enlisted in a shadowy organization known as Tenet. The mission goes beyond borders, he's told. A Cold War — "ice cold" — is brewing. He's to try to prevent World War III and an apocalypse worse than nuclear holocaust. The details of this secret war — who's on what side, world."

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• MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: Zdeno Chara has likely played his last game with the Boston Bruins who he has played for the past 14 years. Can you name his other two NHL teams before the Bruins? Answer appears below:

High school soccer will look quite different this fall. MIAA schools are undoubtedly quite happy that there will be fall sports coming in the next few weeks, with the exception of football and competitive cheering. However, there is a great modification coming in the sport of soccer.

When practices can officially begin on Friday, Sept. 18, there will be many new rule changes enforced in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. High school games will no longer be two halves, but four quarters. Players, coaches and referees also will be required to wear a face covering during play except if they are more than 10 feet away from an opponent. Not wearing a face mask correctly in accordance with the rule could result in a player or coach receiving a yellow card.

This season there will be no throw-ins and will be replaced by indirect kicks, which will also be substituted for corner kicks and must be played on the ground. Goal kicks along with punts from keepers can travel through the air, but can't do so over the midfield line, while the formation of a defensive wall is outlawed, too.

Much of the uncertainty in high school soccer is centered around having no intentional contact with another player, including no shoulder-to-shoulder contact, and players are also not allowed to put their hands on an opponent.

This is looking like soccer will be undergoing some major adjustments.

Woburn native Maria Sallese participating in Samaritans 5K Run/Walk

Woburn native Maria Sallese is participating in the Samaritans 5K Run/Walk for Suicide Prevention in memory of her son Mario who died by suicide last year. Maria is the captain of Team 4 Mario. This is the second year that Team 4 Mario will be participating in the Samaritans 5K Run/Walk for Suicide Prevention. At this time, Team 4 Mario is the largest team registered with 17 people.

The event will be held virtually beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 to support Samaritans and their lifesaving suicide prevention services. Money raised from registration fees, donations, and corporate sponsorships will help Samaritans and its volunteers ease the despair, pain, and loneliness suffered by so many individuals in this area.

A live-streamed presentation will kick off the event and participants will walk or run with a team or family members on their own. Interactive features include 5K podcasts, a shared playlist, and a digital memorial in which participants can submit loved one's names to be added to a colorful memorial on the event's website.

Event photos, videos, and messages can be posted on social media using #Samaritans5K and submitted items can be posted in the event's virtual scrapbook. The event will close with an interactive livestream to allow participants to share experiences and the top fundraisers will be announced. Register or start your team today at Samaritans5K.org. You will receive a printable bib via email and event t-shirts will be mailed.

#### Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber Golf Classic

This year's event will take place on Monday, Sept. 28 at Tewksbury Country Club. Registration at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start with a scramble format.

The cost is \$125 per player or \$475 for the foursome.

Sponsorships are also available: \$100 for a hole sponsor; \$300 breakfast/lunch sponsors concludes company logo displayed at tournament and in media. Raffles: donated items for the raffle table. Swag Bag: 72 small items that the golfers would find appealing to include in their swag bag.

Register/Sponsor on-line @WilmingtonTewksburyChamber.org. Call 978-944-4112 or email: nancy@wilmingtontewksbury.org.

Answer to this week's question: Zdeno Chara also played for the New York Islanders (1997-01) and the Ottawa Senators (2001-06).

# Back to School!!

## Movie

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what's at stake — take a while to unspool. But just as Nolan's last film, the gorgeously synchronized WWII survival tale "Dunkirk," was arranged elementally by land, sea and air, "Tenet" is spliced between past, present and future. A heady genre movie that puts James Bond-like tropes through a collider, it's very much a companion piece to "Inception" (a heist movie with a sci-fi spin) and just as laden with continual explanation.

The central conceit here is that a rare mineral can reverse the entropy of objects. That means time travel, inverted weapons, car chases that speed both ways and the biggest blockbuster to ever look a little like the backward-running Pharcyde music video "Drop," by Spike Jonze. These weapons are the "detritus of a coming war," we're told; the future is attacking the past.

The Protagonist's journey brings him in touch with a British fixer named Neil (a delightfully knowing and especially dashing Robert Pattinson; you want him always to say more than he does), a Mumbai arms dealer (Dimple Kapadia) and ultimately a Ukrainian oligarch named Andrei Sator (Kenneth Branagh). To reach the insulated Sator, the Protagonist finds an entry through his wife, Kat (Elizabeth Debicki, the film's most suave and affecting performer), an art dealer who has come to detest her husband.

As a film, "Tenet" rumbles like a jumbo jet. Its sheer tonnage is what most strikes you. There are trucks and ships, giant turbines and helicopters, concrete masses and 747s. It's a literally heavy movie. The settings, which span from the Amalfi Coast to the "closed cities" of Russia, give "Tenet" a technological backdrop of ecological destruction. If anything, I wish Nolan had taken his future vs.

past concept further, instead of situating it so firmly in the more familiar (in movies) world of black-market weapons dealers.

"Tenet" lacks the elegant mastery of "Dunkirk" or the cosmic soulfulness of "Interstellar," but it has a darkly grand geometry. As instruments in an abstraction, most of Nolan's protagonists verge on the hollow. Washington glides through the film with charisma and preternatural smoothness but his character's inner life goes unexplored. Leonardo DiCaprio's Cobb in "Inception" wasn't so different, but the mission plunged directly into his subconscious. Nolan, a visionary filmmaker, can sometimes be too busy conjuring visions to build a character.

Time is Nolan's real protagonist, anyway. Its loss was the agony of "Interstellar." A ticking clock, on three different temporal tracks, measured "Dunkirk." In "Tenet," it moves in circles: backward and forward like waves in the ocean. It's a distinctive characteristic of the movies, and it's one you can feel Nolan investigating and experimenting with. It's easy to imagine "Tenet" was born in an editing suite, while a shot was rewound and epiphany struck.

Time has grown strangely elastic during the pandemic (as have movie release schedules). Today, yesterday and tomorrow blur together. So it's some comfort that even still, Nolan's clock keeps ticking.

"Tenet," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for intense sequences of violence and action, some suggestive references and brief strong language. Running time: 151 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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fice of Environment of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) as a way to help cities and towns take proactive steps towards managing the expected weather chaos.

In 2018, Woburn received a planning grant after defining a list of community vulnerabilities and proposing several local strategies for adapting to those challenges. Ultimately, protecting electrical infrastructure and flood management, particularly around the Four Corners area, sections of East Woburn, and the Horn Pond region, featured prominently in the city's initial MVP assessment.

To date, funding from the MVP program has helped nearly 200 communities across Massachusetts with the development of similar climate change strategies. As of last spring, nearly \$10 million was allocated to the handful of cities and towns that have applied for funding and obtained approval of MVP action plans.

Woburn has thus far qualified for \$235,000 in grants to further plan some of its MVP plan initiatives. Now that the funding has been used for preliminary design of the brook restoration, the city now hopes to seek construction monies.

According to Corey and other city officials, though the flooding around the University Apartment complex is not the worst experienced in the city, the Horn Pond Brook restoration plays into the community's larger strategy of managing stormwater by repairing stormwater culverts and restoring blocked flows to wetlands and river/streams.

#### Herring run

For well over a decade, environmentalists have been fo-

cusing on adding fish ladders and other waterway improvements in order to facilitate the annual herring run from the Atlantic Ocean to Horn Pond and other area water bodies, such as the Mystic Lakes by Winchester, Medford, and Arlington.

For centuries, the two species of herring native to the area swam up the Mystic River from the Atlantic Ocean to spawn in the lake and ponds, which is situated as far as seven-miles away from their natural salt-water environment.

The herring, which when fully matured can grow to as long as 10-inches long, are considered essential to the survival of various other fish and bird species. However, for about a century, the herring were cut-off from Horn Pond and the Mystic Lakes in Winchester due to manmade dams and other obstacles.

Two years ago, Woburn residents were able to see herring return to the waters for the first time in 100 years after a fish ladder was added. Since that time, as many as 10,000 herring have been counted heading into the pond during the annual run.

According to the Mystic River Watershed Association, a non-profit dedicated to protecting regional waterways that include the Aberjona River, since 2012, activists have observed herring numbers in the tributaries increase from 199,000 to 630,000 in 2017.

## Tewksbury Library to launch 50+ job seekers networking group

Tewksbury Library To Launch Greater Lowell 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

TEWKSBURY, MA - Are you 50 or over and searching for a job? Did you know that 85% of all jobs are found through networking?

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Seekers Networking Group to support and assist people in the 50+ demographic who are searching for a new job, changing careers, re-entering the workforce after an employment gap, or looking for a "second act" career.

These FREE virtual meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9:30am to 11:30am, via Zoom. Fall meeting dates include: September 16 (Self-Assessment), September 30 (Resumes), October 7 (Elevator Speech), October 21 (LinkedIn), November 4 (LinkedIn Pt. 2), November 18 (Networking), December 2 (Inter-

view), and December 16 (Marketing Plan).

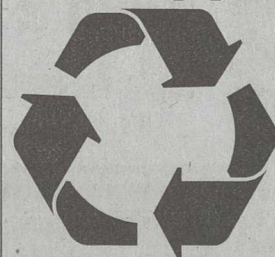
Each meeting focuses on a different job skill topic and features different expert guest speakers. Meetings are facilitated by experienced career coach Debbi Hope, MBA, PCIC. Attendance at all sessions is not necessary, but is highly recommended.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the group. Visit [www.50plusjobseekers.org](http://www.50plusjobseekers.org), then select "For Attendees," then select "New Attendee Registration," and then fill out the simple form. Make sure to select "Tewksbury" as the "Host Site." Please note the

group is open to all Massachusetts residents 50 and over, not just residents of Tewksbury or Greater Lowell.

To learn more about this networking group, please contact Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or [rhayes@tewksburypl.org](mailto:rhayes@tewksburypl.org) with any questions.

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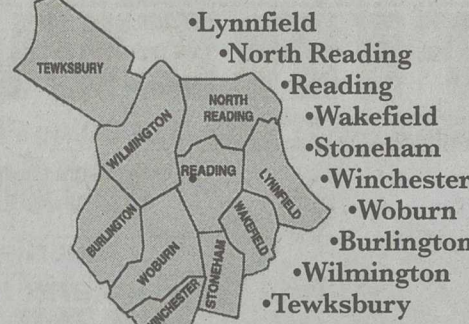
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## Local symphony announces 2020-2021 hybrid season

Lexington Symphony, under the musical direction of Jonathan McPhee, is pleased to announce plans for its 2020-2021 season.

"In this uncertain time, finding ways to stay connected to our audience and present high caliber performances is extremely challenging," said Maestro McPhee. "To kick off our season, we are sharing as much live music as possible, offering our patrons the opportunity to book our talented musicians for one of our fun new Takeout Concerts. There have already been a few Takeouts - both the audience and the musicians loved it! - and we hope more folks will visit our website to arrange their own. We have also worked incredibly hard to create a new Symphony experience for our fall and holiday performances while keeping everyone safe," McPhee continued. "On Stage, At Home with Lexington Symphony is a series of monthly virtual concerts that I will be hosting live, broadcast free on LexMedia and available to live stream through our website and YouTube."

Takeout Concerts are 30 minute live, outdoor performances given by Symphony musicians for a small, appropriately distanced audience. Concert hosts may arrange for anywhere from one to four musicians to play in their outdoor space, safely experiencing the joy of live music at home. Hosts can invite friends to spread out in their yard, send musicians to serenade someone special, or gather friends and family online for a live performance. Takeout Concerts are also a great way to support Symphony musicians in a time when most performance options are not available. To book a Takeout Concert, please visit [www.LexingtonSymphony.org](http://www.LexingtonSymphony.org).

On Stage, At Home programs are a truly unique opportunity for the Symphony audience to enjoy their favorite musicians, young local talent, and special guests in more intimate recorded performances, and to interact with some of them in real time by submitting questions to be answered live on air. Lexington Symphony players appear as soloists and in small ensembles, along with Lexington High School standouts Luke Lee, piano, Isaiah Carver, euphonium, and Marilyn Swinger, flute. Special guests include jazz pianist Makoto Ozone and cellist Jennifer Kloetzel, who dazzled a full Cary Hall with her Dvořák Cello Concerto performance last season.

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## School Committee to vote on interscholastic sports plan next week

By LIZZY HILL

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The Wilmington School Committee elected last Wednesday night not to vote on the district's interscholastic sports plan until their next meeting, which is scheduled for September 9th.

While the vote will come next week, the committee didn't oppose the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand to go with whatever the rest of the Middlesex League member schools agree upon.

Wilmington Athletic Director Mia Muzio gave a short presentation of the MIAA and EEA guidelines for the upcoming school year at the meeting.

The first part of the joint sports guidance was a four-season athletic calendar that adds what they're calling a "floating season". The "floating season" will be held from February 22nd-April 25th and it's for football, cheerleading and unified basketball. The "floating season" also allows MIAA member schools flexibility to move sports teams from the fall or winter sports/seasons, if needed.

"The MIAA is working to create sports-specific accommodations on how

to modify sports to ensure that they're following EEA guidelines," Muzio said.

Included in the list of approved sports that Wilmington offers during the fall season, which -- if approved -- would go from September 16th-November 20th includes: boys golf, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross-country, and boys and girls soccer. While football and cheerleading will be moved to the floating season, those teams may be permitted to practice in the fall.

The winter season would run from November 30-February 21st and for the following sports: wrestling, basketball cheerleading, swim-and-dive, girls and boys hockey, girls and boys basketball, and girls and boys indoor track.

The spring season would run from April 16-July 3rd for baseball, softball, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls lacrosse.

Muzio added later that while these sports are in the tentative plan, the MIAA will vote upon each sport prior to the start of its season, so any sport could be moved to the floating season at their discretion.

In terms of the district's options, Muzio explained that there are three: full participation, modified participation, and no participation. Full participation would start with soccer, field hockey, golf, girls volleyball, and cross country in the fall. She said that modified participation would aim to limit travel and numbers of students on buses, exposure from student-athletes of other towns, and overall numbers of participants and teams.

In the no athletics option, the district would be saying that their goal this year is only to safely return students to school. However, Muzio said that they could still choose to offer intramural sports to any interested students.

School Committee member David Ragsdale asked for some insight into what modified participation could look like. Muzio suggested ideas like having varsity only compete while JV and freshmen teams just work on skills.

"I left it very wide open because there are a lot of ideas out there and I don't want to push us in one specific direction if there are different ideas coming

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During last year's state tournament, Wilmington's Ella Wingate heads the ball away from a Salem player. This year under the new guidelines set last week, intentionally heading the ball will no longer be accepted in high school soccer, while there's many other changes including no post-season play, all due to COVID-19.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

## IF there is a fall season ... lots of changes on the soccer fields

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON -- Last week the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association released its new guidelines for the fall sports -- excluding football -- "based upon months of meetings, discussions, research and collaboration with Massachusetts Governing entities."

And if you are a soccer purist, you probably are not happy with the changes that will be enforced starting September 16th when high school teams can hold try-out/practices for the first time. The Wilmington School Committee will vote on September 9th whether to allow WHS athletes to play this fall, while over at Shawsheen Tech, the Rams have approval.

While the other sports such as volleyball, swimming and golf have very minimal changes, and cross-country and field hockey's changes are drastic, certainly none of that can compare to what the soccer players will endure.

According to the MIAA press release, "The MIAA Board of Directors approved, at their August 19, 2020 meeting, the formal athletic structure for 2020-2021 season, as well as additional Educational Athletic recommendations provided by the Task Force."

In soccer, there are four-pages of new guidelines that ALL officials, coaches, players, teams, media and spectators must abide by for this fall season.

For the actual game, the biggest changes will include: no slide tackling, no intentionally heading the ball, no shoulder-to-shoulder contact, no throw-ins, no defensive walls -- all players on restarts must be six feet apart and corner kicks will now be indirect kicks; In addition, games will now be four quarters consisting of ten minutes with a two minute break after the first and third, and then a ten minute break at half. Also, everyone from players, to referees to coaches, must wear a mask at all times.

We reached out the four local coaches to get their thoughts on the changes.

"I understand that deci-

sions to play are being made for the physical and mental well being of the student-athletes," said WHS Boys coach Steve Scanlon. "That being said, the modifications are over-reaching and they negatively impact the integrity of the game. We will be playing something, but it won't be soccer."

Sue Hendee, the WHS Girls' Coach, who back in 2016 was named the coaches representative for the MIAA Girls' Soccer Coaches Association, explained in great detail the difficult decisions that were made and how all of these drastic changes came about.

"There are a lot of legitimate questions surrounding the MIAA's changes to the game of soccer. I feel that no one will be happy with those changes as they do significantly alter the game, particularly where contact is concerned. However, the Sport Activity Level Assessment Framework from the EEA (Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs -- which outlines required changes to play at Level 3), specifically states that 'deliberate close contact must be ELIMINATED including body checking, tackling, and blocking'.

If sports could not make changes to meet this requirement, they would not be able to play at Level 3 (competitions) and would have to stay at Level 2. Level 2 uses the cohort concept of groups no larger than ten, cohorts being separated by 14 feet, and would not allow for game play.

"The MIAA Soccer Committee had the challenging task of determining how defense could still be played within these guidelines. It is my understanding that as long as the opposition is trying to win the ball using their feet in a legal manner and does not contact with their upper bodies, it would be allowable unless it was a slide tackle.

"The committee also used the MYSA (Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association) guidelines that were developed to align with the EEA mandates. These included eliminating intentional heading of the ball, slide tackling, and shoulder to shoulder con-

tact. Restarts had to be modified to try to keep players six feet apart so changes were made to throw-ins (now kick-ins), defensive walls and drop balls (suspended), corner kicks (now indirect), and penalty kicks (implementing 'shoot out' rules).

"To help reduce the possibility of intentional heading and upper body to upper body contact that occurs when the ball is played in the air, modifications were made to goal keeper distribution and goal kicks so that the ball cannot travel in the air directly over the midfield line. Because the wearing of masks is required, opportunities for taking mask breaks were put in place by playing quarters instead of halves, allowing players who are more than ten feet away from others to briefly have a mask break, and having all restarts begin on the referees whistle for a brief break then putting masks back on."

While giving full explanation of the changes, Hendee said obviously these new rules will change the traditional game of soccer, but really with the state of the country and so much unknown at this point, what choice was there?

"Some coaches, players, parents, referees, and others involved in the game may see these rule changes as 'deal breaker's'. There is no doubt that they will change the game as we know it, and that is frustrating and upsetting. However, it was what the soccer committee was told they had to do to comply with the mandates to be able to play games at Level 3. Are the changes ideal or even beneficial to the game? I would say no. However, given that fall sports are the first to play since all sports were shut down in the spring, it is the first step in the right direction. We are being given the opportunity to play. We are being given the opportunity for student-athletes to be involved in a sport that they love. We are being given the opportunity to safely allow kids to be together and regain some semblance of normalcy back into their lives.

"The rule changes are a far cry from what we all

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Wilmington High Cross Country runners Gianna Spada (left) and Talina Khalil, shown competing from a meet held last year, won't be able to run as close as they are in this photo with the new guidelines, should WHS Athletics be granted to compete this fall.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

## And many changes with cross-country, other sports

By JAMIE POTE  
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WILMINGTON -- Among the stories in this sports section includes the changes and modifications to high school boys and girls soccer set by the MIAA and the DESE and below are the new guidelines set for cross-country, field hockey, volleyball and golf.

Right now, Wilmington High School Athletes are waiting for the September 9th School Committee Meeting to see whether or not the fall season will be played.

If there is a season in

Wilmington, there will be some major changes. The obvious ones will be every athlete, coach and officials must wear a mask at all times. There will no longer be anymore handshakes, nor will teams and players be able to celebrate with hugs, high-fives, etc, while players and coaches will have to follow the proper six feet apart social distancing guidelines while on the bench and including in timeouts. There are also a handful of other social distance guidelines everyone will need to adhere by.

The changes to volleyball and golf are extreme-

ly moderate, but the cross-country will certainly be different. Those changes include: Dual Meets only (no meets of three teams or more); No onsite course preview runs; Staggered starts -- all runners must be six feet apart and only groups of 4/5 runners out at a time, minimum of three minutes apart; Runners must maintain social distancing during their runs; Non-transmittal way of scoring (no giving out popsicle sticks or numbers); Finish lines must be open to minimum of 28 feet to cross

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## Wilmington 12-year-old softball team won state championship

# Magical summer season still remembered -- 40 years ago

This story originally ran in the July 7th, 2015 Town Crier edition. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Wilmington 12-year-old softball team which won the state championship title.

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**

WILMINGTON- Thirty-five years ago, a group of young girls came together to accomplish something that the town of Wilmington had never seen before.

And this past Saturday, that group gathered together to remember those memories.

In the summer of 1980, the 15 members of the Wilmington 12-year-old all-star softball team went on a historic run in the District 13 tournament, emerging as Massachusetts State Champions.

It was an incredible effort that required contributions from every single girl on the team. Led by manager Bud Callahan and coach Frank Stone, Wilmington took their streak all the way to the New England Regionals, where they were finally ousted by Connecticut held in Augusta, Maine. Connecticut would go on to the National finals, only being defeated by the California State Champs.

Even though a national championship was not theirs to claim that summer, every girl and coach on that Wilmington team has carried the memories with them for all the years since including Saturday as the majority of the team gathered together at Rocco's for a special anniversary event.

"It was July, it was hot as blazes, and they just did not have the caliber fields that they have today," Callahan laughed, remembering the 1980 tournament. "These young ladies hadn't played together before. It took some doing to get them to mesh together."



Back in 2015, the Wilmington 12 year-old softball all-star team from 1980 met together at Rocco's to celebrate their 35th reunion of capturing the hearts of this town as well as the state championship title. Getting together on that afternoon included: Front row from left, Becky Batten, Yvonne Lesko and Lori Ross; back row from left, Manager Bud Callahan, Sandra Berrigan, Gail Lombard, Kimberly Mytych, Leigh Hastings, Nancy Fillio and Coach Frank Stone. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

"At a point, they started to realize maybe we could do great things," Stone said. "They were good, there's no two ways about it."

Considering all the opponents and obstacles the team would face, their greatest challenge came right out of the gate with a close game against Woburn East in the opening rounds. Wilmington was forced to fight their way back from behind, depending on the great pitching by Kim Mytych.

Mytych -- who finished 4-0 throughout the District Tournament -- retired ten Woburn batters just in that first effort. Big RBIs from Adrienne Sartori and Kathy Robinson propelled Wilmington the rest of the way to a 7-6 win.

"Our naïve-ness really helped us," Mytych remembered. "We didn't go in with a cocky attitude or anything like that. We just went out there and had fun."

From there, Wilmington

proceeded to smash their way through every team that saw fit to stand between them and that state title. Val Sullivan pitched to victory over Acton Colonial North, while Yvonne Lesko and Tami MacDonald's big bats drove the team to a 15-6 victory.

Mytych took the mound once more for a showdown with Woburn Central, a game the Wildcats took in a walk with a 10-2 final score giving the team the district championship title, which was also Wilmington's second in three years.

With the district championship locked up, the team now turned to the Bi-Districts, facing Shrewsbury back on July 30th.

The result was a devastating victory, a 13-2 blowout with three hits each for Lesko and Nancy Fillio.

The good times kept right on rolling with a 12-4 win against Whitman,

notching another win for Sullivan on the mound.

The two wins in the Bi-Districts put the team into the state championship game against Jack Barry of Worcester back on August 6, 1980. Mytych was once again on the mound, and with the might of Wilmington's bats behind her -- including a seven run third inning -- the Wildcats cruised to a 10-2 win to win the first ever state championship title.

Throughout the six games, Wilmington outscored its opponents 67-22.

Coming home after the state championship win, the girls were escorted back with the roars of triumphant police sirens. In addition, the team earned a top spot in a local parade and then a trip to the State House.

"We were just a bunch of girls," Becky Batten said. "We didn't realize at the time how big of a deal it was, in 1980. Now we look

back and realize, wow, it was a big deal."

Wilmington's achievements were all the more notable for coming during a period in which women in athletics were still looked down upon by a large portion of the world.

The all-star team was forced to practice in tennis courts, because local fields were all being used by men's league. Despite this low visibility, the 1980 Wilmington still managed to unite the town in support for their efforts, galvanizing high school kids, the newspapers, police, and anyone in the town who was interested in sports.

It was a truly amazing ride.

Their ride would come to an end when they moved to the regional tournament and fell short of that year's Connecticut team by a 14-4 score. That game proved to be the team's first ever night game, and coaches and players alike still wonder if that might

have made the difference. The girls could at least console themselves knowing that they had fallen to the very best.

And the summer still managed to end on a high note, as Wilmington's final game against Vermont ended with a 12-2 victory for the Wildcats in a consolation game. The team closed out their historic run with a 7-1 record.

"We just took it from game to game and took it as far as we could," Callahan said. "It worked out pretty well."

The 1980 Wilmington State Champion Softball team included: Kim Mytych, Nancy Fillio, Gail Lombard, Leigh Hastings, Becky Batten, Yvonne Lesko, Sandra Berrigan, Tami MacDonald, Adrienne Sartori, Renee Gibson, Kelly DeLuca, Lori Ross, Kathy Robinson and Val Sullivan, as well as coaches Bud Callahan and Frank Stone.

## The 35th reunion -- five years ago -- was just as big of a hit

This story also appeared in the July 7th, 2015 issue of the Town Crier, as the 12-year-old state championship softball team gathered together at Rocco's to celebrate their title 35 years later.

This summer they celebrate the 40th anniversary of that special team from 1980.

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**

WILMINGTON- "Isn't that terrible, the stupid things you remember?" laughed Leigh Hastings.

Hastings, along with many of the other players and coaches of the 1980 state champion softball team, spent a long Saturday afternoon in Rocco's, reconnecting with old friends and teammates and remembering that magical summer 35 years ago, when a team of disparate girls joined together to unite an entire town in a run to a state title.

But when listening to

Hastings or the others chat about those days gone by, it is not the athletic achievements which seem to come up the most. Hastings recalled that it was while staying with a host-family in Augusta, Maine during the regional competition that she first learned about the soft drink Mello Yello. Decades later, and it is these details which spring to mind.

"It's just recapturing the nostalgia," said Bud Callahan, the manager of the 1980 team. "It's just fantastic to be with them again, and hope that they have a realization about just what they had back then and maybe they can pass it on."

"It's the camaraderie of everybody," said coach Frank Stone. "They're all excited about seeing each other after all these years. They were all great girls to coach."

Everyone who walked through the doors of

Rocco's was greeted with cheers and hugs. Old trophies were produced, and the state champion jackets were displayed and proudly worn. Albums filled with pictures and newspaper clippings were happily flipped through, the old images maintaining all of their original power.

"The experience was one of the best in my life," said Lori Ross. "The coaching staff cared so much about each player."

Ross's thoughts on the coaching staff were matched by all of the reunited team. There was nothing but love and gratitude expressed towards Callahan and Stone for all the effort they put into the team, despite neither man having a daughter on the team.

"We had respect for the coaches and they had real respect for us," said

Sandra Berrigan.

"Neither coach had a daughter on the team, but they treated us like family," said Kim Mytych.

And that affection and respect was returned completely in kind by both coaches.

"It was a joy to do it," Stone said. "The girls worked together, they pulled for each other. They were a team. They were good and they knew it, and they really came together."

"The get together we had today is a realization that it wasn't about beating an opponent," Callahan said. "It's about the quality of play and how you then go on to live your life using what you learned."

Just like Callahan said, the reunion offered each woman a chance to reflect on how their life had been shaped by that summer back in 1980. The experi-

ence of being part of a team, working together to trump all odds and accomplish what no other team in Wilmington had ever done before, it left giant impressions on each girl that helped shaped them into the women that they are today.

"It changed me," said Mytych. "Everything has to be done as a team or it doesn't work. It just doesn't work."

"This experience I had when I was 12 years old, I've carried it forward my whole life," Becky Batten said. "You can't learn something like this in a training class."

"I think I learned more from these girls on the field than I ever did in school," Hastings stated. "You learn how to be a team player, you learn how to succeed while working towards a common goal."

Long after the fields have gone silent, the memories remain. The memories of not being allowed to swim in pools on game day, no matter how hot it was. The memories of the long road trips to upcoming games. The memories of the police sirens escorting the triumphant squad back through the streets of Wilmington. Little moments of fear and elation that continue to echo all through their lives.

"It feels surreal," Batten admitted. "It's amazing to think that 35 years ago, a group of us came together and created the foundation of this team."

"Stuff like that, you carry with you," Stone said.

And so does the town of Wilmington.

## After school clinic offered by Recreation Department

The Wilmington Recreation Department have partnered with SNL Sports Academy to offer a new after-school clinic for students in grades 2-5. This biweekly program will include sports drills & skills and cooperative games incorporating social distancing. As we move forward in COVID-19 phases, SNL will add in more game play. The goal of the program is to get kids back outside interacting with their peers in a fun and safe atmosphere.

This six-week program will be offered in two different sessions:

Mondays/Thursdays, September 14 - October 22, 3:30 - 5:30PM or  
Tuesdays/Fridays,

September 15 - October 23, 3:30 - 5:30PM  
(Rain Dates: Week of October 26 - 30)

Space is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, so sign up today to ensure your spot! Cost is \$260.00 per participant. This program will take place at the Town Hall field.

To register, please visit our website <https://www.wilmington-ma.gov/recreation> and log into your account. You can also call the Rec. Office at 978-658-4270 to register, or if you have any questions, we would be glad to help! We are open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



During the reunion in 2015, several members of the team from left, Becky Batten, Sandra Berrigan, Lori Ross, and Yvonne Lesko, put on their state championship jackets from that 1980 season. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).



For decades, Aprile Field was the home of great softball, and lots of memories

# Flashback to the Good Old Days

Modified Leagues, Class Tournaments, High School Games -- Cushings part of it all

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

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WILMINGTON - The town of Wilmington has a long and proud sports history, at both the high school and adult level. The Wildcats have had many successful teams over the years, but regardless of their win-loss record, very rarely has anyone been able to deny the effort of a Wilmington squad. The fact of the matter is, Wilmington loves to compete.

That desire to compete was never more evident than back in the heyday of the Wilmington Adult Softball League, when hundreds of players throughout the town made up one of the biggest and most successful adult softball leagues in the entire state.

The league, which was started by the legendary Larry Cushing in 1958 reached its peak in the early 70's through the mid-90's when they were led by another Wilmington legend in his own right, Larry's son Jack Cushing, when nearly 20 teams competed on a yearly basis, battling for town supremacy and bragging rights.

Larry Cushing, who was Wilmington's first athletic director, as well as the man responsible for starting the town's recreation department, got the league started in 1957 with a few games. The first official league season was 1958 when eight teams competed in a fast pitch league, and things continued to grow from there.

"It all started with my father," Jack Cushing said. "For quite a while there were seven or eight teams in the league when my father was running it as a fast pitch league, and then he gave it up, it switched to a slow pitch league and then a combo league and then finally a modified league."

Jack Cushing took over the reins of the league in 1971, and that is when the league really took off, playing under Modified Softball (medium pitch) rules, with more teams joining every year until eventually the league had become one of the most popular in the state.

"We were very strong for many years," Cushing said. "At one time we had as many as 20 teams with 20 players on each team, in the league. For a period of time, we would play every Sunday through Thursday, with Friday being for makeup games. And this was strictly through the recreation department and for Wilmington residents."

And as the league grew, so did its need for a bigger playing area, with the league eventually moving from their original home on the town common to Aprile Field. There were many reasons for the growth of the league, not the least of which was the switch to the Modified softball rules.

"That was one of the few lighted fields in the area, and we needed it. Softball was a major sport in Wilmington at the time," Cushing said. "Part of what helped was switching from fast pitch to the Modified rules. We didn't grow many fast

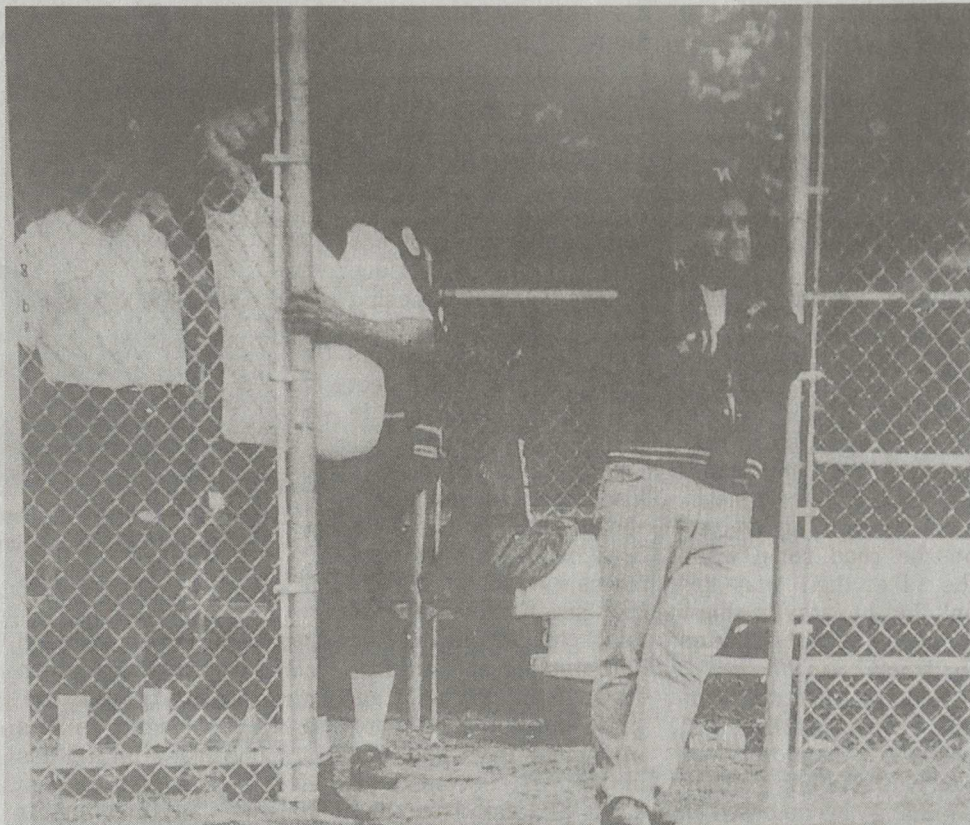
pitch pitchers in Wilmington, and sometimes you would have a situation where two or three of the fastest pitchers were on one team, so there wasn't much competition."

While the league was running strong, Cushing and his peers took nothing for granted, working just as hard off the field as on the field to keep the league going. It wasn't enough to just show up for practices and games. Each team also needed to do their part to keep the league running at maximum efficiency.

"During the period I was running the league, we did all the work to keep it going," Cushing said. "We did all the work. We put up the fences, cleaned the field and ran the concession stands. Even though it was run by the recreation department, we did all the work."

"We used to have a day before the season started where each team had to send a couple of players to clean up the field. If you didn't show up to help out, you didn't get practice time."

In addition to their regular schedule, the league had also grown to the point and gained enough notoriety that they were able to attract some national attractions, including bringing the world-famous King and His Court Softball team to Wilmington on two separate occasions. That however, was not Cushing's favorite famous visitor to Aprile Field. Rather, that was the Queen and Her Court Softball team, led by



Above Jack Cushing with his dear friend, the late Ray Noel, during the 1994 Men's Modified Tournament held at Aprile Field and below, back in 1983, Larry Cushing, Jack's father (far right) the founder of the Wilmington Adult Softball League, was presented a plaque for his dedication by then Wilmington Selectmen Jim Stewart (far left) and Bob Doucette (middle).



pitcher Rosie Black, who could reportedly throw

over 100 miles per hour. "That was the one I enjoyed most," Cushing said. "They came all the way from California, and I asked Rosie Black if she could do something for the kids while she was here and she put on a pitching clinic for 50 or 60 kids. And then she had three of her teammates doing infield drills with the kids. It was a great experience."

Along with bringing some national attention to Aprile Field, the league also garnered plenty of local attention as well, as they hosted several MIAA Tournament games, including the Division 1 state championship game between Bishop Fenwick and Waltham in the late 1980's, a game that attracted interest from all over the state, including some famous sports reporters.

"We had so many people there, I couldn't even tell you how many," Cushing said. "We had fans six or seven deep around the fence. The game was covered by all three local TV stations. Bob Lobel, Mike Lynch and John Dennis were all there. We set them up on top of the concession stands so they could see the game."

Another favorite memory of Cushing's, beyond just the playing of league games was a very special tournament that they held for several years, The Battle of the High School Classes, where different groups of Wilmington High alumni would oppose each other in a tournament that started off with eight team in the late 70's and grew to 22 teams in the early 90's.

"That was something we did every year on Memorial Day weekend, from Friday through Sunday, with Sunday being the championship game," Cushing said. "Then on Sunday night we would have a fundraising event at the Sons of Italy. We had to limit it to 400 people and

we would sell out every year. People were scalping tickets."

Between the MIAA Tournaments and their own fundraising efforts, the league had become a smashing success. So much so that they were able to take steps to improve the league even more, including one improvement that meant quite a bit to Cushing personally, and will be very recognizable to readers of the Town Crier.

"We did so well and raised our own money that we were able to hire our own official scorer. And he was someone I was always very proud of. This young man actually went on to be a writer at the Town Crier, and his name was Jamie Pote," Cushing said of the Town Crier's current sports editor. "Nobody ever batted out of order in our league, because of Jamie. Then he would write up articles for us. He was always very good to us."

Along with people like Jamie, it was also the countless volunteers who helped make the league run smoothly over the years. If there was one memory of the league that Cushing will carry above all others, it will be the efforts of all of the people who were willing to donate their time and effort to the cause.

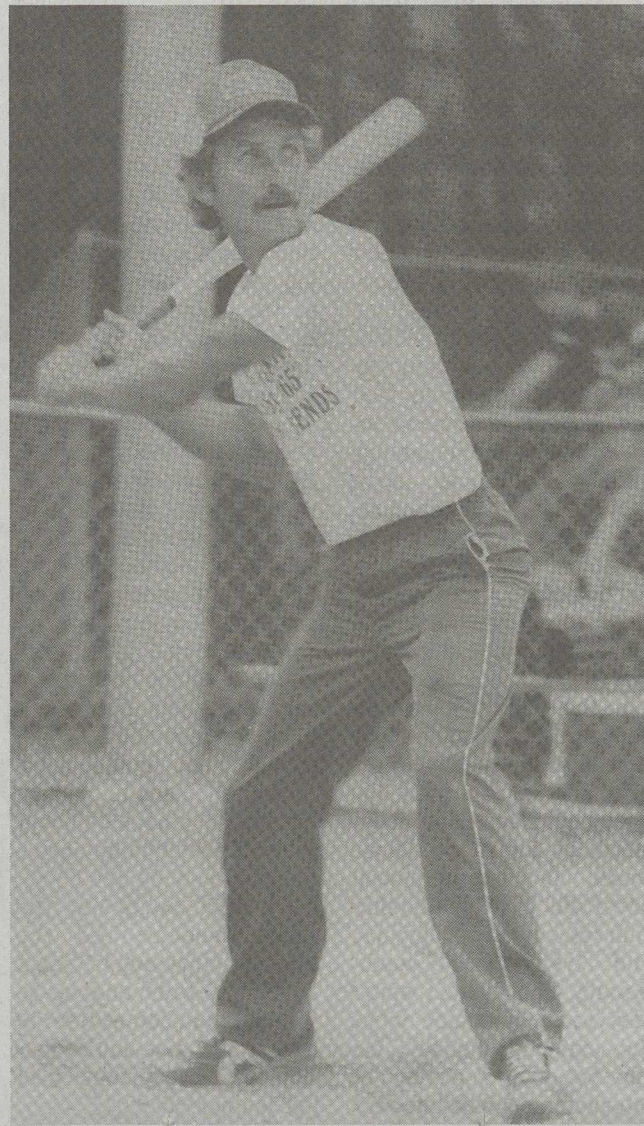
Cushing was the man in charge for a number of years, but he knows he could not have gotten the job done without the assistance of many others.

"My father taught me about volunteers, and how they are so important in running a sports program, and that is why Wilmington has been so successful over the years, because we had so many great volunteers," Cushing said. "All they needed was someone to organize it, and that is where I came in. But it was a lot of fun. We had a lot of great memories."



Above, back in 1984 when Wilmington had the 'Battle of the Classes Softball Tournament', Mike Caira was all smiles as he was warming up as member of the Class of 1967; bottom left, Kenny Sarchione played for the the Class of '65 team and bottom right, "Fudgie" Parker, who played on the combined team of 1945-58, was running home during the same tournament. Parker was also the winning pitcher for his team during that game.

(Town Crier File Photos).





## If Wilmington plays, there will be changes to volleyball

FROM B5W

and lanes must be formed over the last 100 yards of the course.

While this seems to be a lot, Wilmington High School boys and girls cross-country coach Brian Schell said the adjustments shouldn't be that difficult to make.

"If we have a season, some of the rules that have been modified do not even affect us really," he said. "Having such a small team this season, separation of athletes during practices into 'smaller' groups really is never an issue. Half the kids are on the road runs, while the other half that are only here to stay in shape for winter simply stay on the track."

"Keeping distance during certain workouts at practice shouldn't be overly troubling either. Grouping kids up based on their goals and what the workout entails to their strengths has always been the situation. Practices shouldn't be of concern at all really as not much if anything is going to change."

While he said practices and so forth should be relatively easy, the changes to meets may not be.

"Meets on the other hand can have some ups and downs that make things in my opinion seem tedious. Having to warm up in our own section has

pretty much always been the case as teams get focused and of course have little distractions from the opposing team.

"The start of the race is what can be a little tough to grasp. There is no concern simply having your own team group up on one side of the line with space between the opposing team. However on some courses like our home course, having that 14-foot can make a difference in the end I suppose."

"Staggered starts are also pointless and either should simply do another heat or make sure both teams have at least their top seven runners (14 total) in the same race and starting at the same time. Even with a staggered start in this sport, you could have someone in the first section slow down and fall back into the next section if not multiple people thus defeating the purpose of these staggers."

Above all he said, social distancing during an actual competition, seems a little off if you will.

"The main concern is the idea of trying to tell athletes to maintain social distance during a race. A lot of kids average the same overall time and pace and of course push off their own teammates or opponents. Giving someone too much dis-



During last year's volleyball season, from left, Savannah Andersen, Khrystyna Fedynyak, and Naomi Layon enjoyed playing the game without a mask on, and this year all Massachusetts players will have to wear one under the new guidelines. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

tance during a race in some ways can mess with a runner mentally. To me, it is a silly rule and makes it sound like all a kid has to do is take the lead from the start and no one is allowed to pass them because they must have social distance. If you have the talent couldn't you just tell your team to run ahead and form a line across the length of the course and how would opponents pass if agreeing to the rules to keep their distance?"

Certainly all legitimate points, as well as several others that he followed up with.

"The finish line having to be wider and two separate chutes for each team

could cause some concerns as well. Having to space the finish line out so far and athletes finishing a race neck and neck have to veer off from each other causing one to run a longer distance than another -- all this while wearing a mask as well. I have no doubt it will cause some kind of cardio issue with the kids trying to breathe during the race. They won't be prepared and it is already a tough enough mental challenge as is."

### OTHER FALL SPORTS

Although not as drastic as soccer, the new guidelines for field hockey will

change the game completely. Normally there's eleven players on the field per team, which includes ten field players and a goalie. Now after the changes, it'll be a 7-on-7 game. All players will be required to wear masks at all times with the exception of being ten feet apart, the masks can come up for a brief period of time.

In addition, there will no longer be any corners, instead fouls within the circle would be 25-yard hits. On free hits, all players must be five feet away. There will also be no more bully's, or face-offs if you win, rather it'll be alternating possessions.

In volleyball, there's

only minimal changes. Just like every sport, all players must wear a mask. There will be a new clean ball put into play after every rally, and no longer will there be a line judge. The biggest change will be "front row plays will be restricted from traditionally attacking the ball while the ball is above or in front of the three-foot line."

Finally in golf, the guideline are pretty standard -- wear a mask, use your own equipment and multiple people are not allowed in a clubhouse at the same time.

## IF there is a fall season ... lots of changes on the soccer fields

FROM B5W

what the 'new normal' is going to look like, at least for now. Because student-athletes haven't been playing together for long periods of time in an organized manner since shutting down, there is no

hard core data to guide us in the right direction. I feel that it is better to err on the side of caution than to try to fully start back up with the way things were, only to have it all shut down in a couple of

weeks. And who knows? That may end up happening anyway. And that is exactly the point - we don't know what will happen.

"We have been given the opportunity to play NOW,

which most every soccer player and coach wants to do, assuming we are doing our very best to do it safely. It will take some time and adjustments to make it work, but I feel like we can."

Over at Shawsheen Tech, boys' head coach Tom Severo, who was previously the longtime girls coach at Billerica High, said with today's society, he's not surprised by anything.

"As with everything else in today's world we must adapt," he said. "The Shawsheen boys soccer team is eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to have some semblance of a season. Life turns out best for those who make the best of the way life turns out."

On the girls' side, Doug Michaud said that there can be positives coming out of these big adjustments.

"I am looking forward to the season. It will be great for the players to be outside, getting fresh air and exercising," he said. "My guess, with the rule changes, there will be more scoring opportunities. Rather than defending throw-ins, sideline kicks will be a chance for a corner kick set-piece."

"Also, the lack of the protection of a wall, on the free kicks, will be like having penalty kicks after every defensive infraction in front of the goal. I do

enjoy the challenges with in the job of coaching and the new rules will encourage different strategies and skill to be developed."

No matter which side of the coin you take on this issue, Hendee added that like everything else in life, these decisions will never make everyone happy and content.

"Much like the opening of schools, there will never be a 100 percent consensus on what the right answer is. We are in uncharted territory and in the middle of a horrible pandemic that has wreaked havoc into each and every one of our lives. Are the rule changes great? Absolutely not. Were the changes made to TRY to ensure that every-

one can safely play the sport in a competitive way? Yes. Will it possibly have a long term negative impact on the game? I certainly hope not, but we cannot speculate on what the long term might look like for the sport of soccer.

"Let's start with small steps that allow soccer players and coaches to return to something they love. Let's try to bring back routine, laughter, camaraderie, and the understanding that this is needed to benefit our mental health in a time that is far from 'normal'. Let's make the adjustments with the most positive attitudes that we can muster, and PLAY."

## School Committee to vote on interscholastic sports plan next week

FROM B5W

she said, before adding that she wants the district to remain open to whatever the league and MIAA think is best.

The newly named athletic director talked about pros and cons of sorts for the board's consideration. She mentioned the positive effects on student-athletes including better educational outcomes, healthier behaviors, positive youth development, enhanced school engagement, and a sense of belonging. However, that means that they'd have to also consider whether it's necessary and possible to have COVID waivers, temperature checks, exposure notifications, remote learner participation, and protocols for transportation, locker rooms, and spectators.

In the case where student-athletes may not be participating in sports this year, she said that the district could consider other offerings for them. These would be supplemental programs like leadership courses, mentor programs, and strength and conditioning. The district would also have to decide what the expectations are for coaches in regards to interactions with student athletes.

Dr. Brand established the desire among all of the districts and superintendents in the Middlesex League to be aligned. "All athletic directors and superintendents met together earlier this week," he said. "We want to be in unison to the greatest extent possible."

Going forward, he added that they'll continue a dialog with the other districts in the league and watch for any MIAA or DESE developments.

When it comes to the vote at the next School Committee meeting, Dr. Brand shared that the wording of the motion would be something to the effect of authorizing the district to participate in athletics according to whatever the Middlesex League agrees upon. He said that some districts in the league like Reading and Newton have chosen full remote for their learning model, which makes it more difficult for agreement.

It would be up to the superintendent and the athletic director to work out the details and up to the School Committee to give them the authorization to go with the rest of the league.



Ryan Clarke, who graduated this past spring, wouldn't have been able to head the ball, unless unintentional, this upcoming season due to the new guidelines. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

### Letter to the Sports Editor

## Youth Travel Basketball says thank you to the town

Dear Jamie:

On behalf of the Wilmington Travel Basketball Board, I want to thank the town of Wilmington for its commitment to our youth.

The 2020 year has been a challenging year. The novel coronavirus has and continues to impact our community and our families - specifically our children.

Overnight, our children lost the opportunity to attend school in-person, socialize with friends and compete in youth sports. The impact on our children has been great, and I expect, will have lasting affect. As a parent, I

worry. I trust many of you are worried, too.

Yet, I feel fortunate to live in a town that keeps the safety and well-being of its children central to its operating principles and overall focus.

While preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year is (and should be) the primary focus of our elected and hired town officials, their commitment to youth sports and activities must be commended. And, it is their commitment that allowed for our kids to actually be kids during an unprecedented time in our history.

Thank you to the town of Wilmington - our town

manager, Jeff Hull, our esteemed board of selectman, our dept health and human services, Shelly Newhouse, our recreational department, our police department and countless others working in concert to keep our community informed, our youth engaged in sports, and our local organizations abreast of guidelines and measures to allow for safe interactions on our towns fields, courts and play areas.

Thanks to the efforts of our town leaders, Wilmington Travel Basketball was able to offer its skills and drills clinics to the youth in our

community this summer. This free-of-charge, 7-week clinic wrapped up this week and I'm pleased to share over 150 boys and girls, ages 8-14, took advantage of the opportunity to hit the courts, see their friends and improve their ball skills. The energy was palpable and the smiles were many.

And none of this would have been possible without the leadership in our town. Thank you.

In appreciation,  
Joe Maiella  
Wilmington Travel Basketball President





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Police make several drug arrests in the past week

Monday, August 24

12:42 p.m. - An argument at Marriott Town Place Suites. Police sent. Excer Rodriguez, 26, of 20 International Place at Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property less than \$1,200, threat to commit crime murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon with rock.

4:52 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious party at Eagle Drive. Police sent. Officer cleared but gone on arrival.

9:09 p.m. - Police at Motel 6 attempted to serve a warrant. Michael Desmarais, 36, of 111 Acton Road in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with possession class E drugs. Jonathan Aguin, 32, of 31 Maplewood Ave. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession class E drugs and a warrant.

Tuesday, August 25

12:22 a.m. - Front desk called to report an unwanted

party at Holiday Inn. Police sent and filed a report.

12:27 p.m. - Some items were stolen from the caller's vehicle overnight at Cardigan Road. Police sent and filed a report.

4:11 p.m. - Caller at Cleg-horn Lane reported the driver of an older model station wagon appeared to look through his mailbox. Police sent but gone on arrival.

5:25 p.m. - A vehicle was being driven around the parking lot by a possibly underage female at Walmart. Police sent. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

5:36 p.m. - Police out with a suspicious male behind the building at Walmart. They spoke with the male and he lived in the woods behind Walmart.

11:01 p.m. - Police out with a male party walked in the parking lot of Holiday Inn. Police sent and the party checked out.

Wednesday, August 26

4:09 a.m. - Three parties went through the back room at Extended Stay America: a white female in a white sweater, a male dressed in all black, and another male wearing jeans and a black hood. One male was tall while the other short. Both were hispanic. Police sent and gone on arrival.

10:16 a.m. - A suspicious party at Holiday Inn. Police sent. Justin Macero, 43, of 59 Huntington St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended, unregistered motor vehicle, and number plate violation. Elin Zgonis, 45, of 35 Arkansas Dr. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with possession class A drugs.

11:26 a.m. - Police reported well being check at Motel 6. Jesse Rawson, 24, of 12 Belva Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs, resist arrest, a warrant for OUI liquor, a warrant for vandalize pro-

perty, three warrants for larceny from building, and a warrant for larceny over \$1,200.

7:54 pm - Officer requested to respond at East Street Ball Field to speak to a female receiving threatening messages. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, August 27

1:50 p.m. - There was a black SUV parked at North Street about four feet from the track on the gravel and looked unoccupied. Police sent. The railroad company said it was them working on the tracks.

6:17 p.m. - A male party believed to be under the influence walked in front of cars at Applebees. Police sent. Spoke with the party; was just crossing the road and someone beeped at him. Checked out.

9:14 p.m. - A male party was in her father's house that was currently for sale and not closing until Sept. 17 at Shawsheen Street. Police sent. Officer filed a re-

port.

Friday, August 28

1:23 a.m. - The room next to the caller's at Holiday Inn was making too much noise. Police sent. All units cleared. Party agreed to keep it down for the night.

5:26 a.m. - A suspicious male party at Kimberly Drive was digging around in the back of the caller's white van. Police sent to check the area. The male party was gone on arrival.

11:59 a.m. - Police out at Circle K. Shaun Carignan, 32, of Massachusetts, was arrested and charged with distribute class C drugs, distribute class E drugs, possession to distribute class B drugs, two counts of possession to distribute class C drugs, two counts of possession to distribute E drugs, a warrant for larceny under \$1,200, and a warrant for destruction of property attempted larceny.

6:09 p.m. - A 911 call from an employee at O'Reilly Auto Parts reported an intoxicated male left the store and drove off in a white Nissan Murano heading southbound on Main Street. Police sent. Wilmington police department notified. The vehicle was parked and unoccupied at the registered owner's address.

dress.

Saturday, August 29

3:59 a.m. - A 911 call from the clerk at Cumberland Farms reported an argument with a male party. Male party left in a silver dodge caravan. Police sent. Vehicle was gone on arrival. Officer filed a report.

2:56 p.m. - White mercedes drove erratically at Rogers Street. Police sent. Officer issued a verbal warning.

Sunday, August 30

7:09 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Dunkin Donuts. The driver drove through multiple red lights and almost crashed into another vehicle before pulling into Dunkin. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

6:47 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver in a red Ferrari at Whipple Road and Rogers Street. Police sent but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

8:13 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for a stop sign at Highwood Drive and Andover Street. Alexander Hernandez, 42, of 45 Washington St. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with a warrant for license suspended.



## Wilmington Police Log

### New Yorker arrested, charged with OUI alcohol

Friday, August 21:

3:51 a.m.: During a routine check of the Yentile Recreational Facility, police found litter including ice cream wrappers and plastic bottles on the ground.

8:58 a.m.: A hornet's nest was found on the Public Safety Building which had to be removed by the Department of Public Buildings.

12:07 p.m.: A jack was found next to a Honda Accord on Everett Avenue which indicated that someone attempted to steal the vehicle's rims overnight. The vehicle was also missing lug nuts.

12:22 p.m.: A Mazda CX-5, a Toyota RAV4, and a Jeep

Cherokee were in a three-car collision. The incident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Richmond Street, after which the vehicles pulled into Cumberland Farms on Main Street to exchange information.

10:44 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Avalon and a Mazda 3 occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Lowell Street. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, August 22:

11:44 a.m.: Children were reportedly present in the vehicles in a collision between a Kia Sportage, a Mazda 3, a Mitsubishi Outlander, and a Toyota Camry. The Kia was towed.

12:45 p.m.: Police received a report claiming a group of teens catching turtles with a net and smashing them on the ground in the area of Burt Road and Canal Street. Police investigated and found that the teens were actually catching small fish and discarding any weeds that got caught in the net.

Sunday, August 23:

12:38 p.m.: A resident turned in three flares for a flare gun at the Public Safety Building. The flares were destroyed by the Fire Department.

4:37 p.m.: The Fire Department removed a branch on Evergreen Drive from a wire from a wire on which it was resting.

5:46 p.m.: Police received reports of a disoriented male in the middle of the street in the area of Andover Street and Emerald Avenue; the man seemed, at different points, to be asleep or looking for his keys in the middle of the road. Upon arrival, police arrested Alexis Cruz, 50, of 324 E 70th St. in Manhattan, New York. He was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and marked lanes violation.

9:33 p.m.: A tree on Avalon Drive fell onto two vehicles, a Lexus RX and a Toyota Scion.

11:04 p.m.: A Honda CR-V struck a pole on West Street. The pole was damaged and the vehicle's airbags deployed.

Monday, August 24:

2:09 p.m.: U-Haul on Main Street reported that two rental vehicles were not returned: a Chevrolet Silverado and a Chevrolet Colorado. Police entered the vehicles into the NCIC.

4:38 p.m.: After being called in by ADT, the Fire Department evacuated the NuPath Home Group due to a light smoke condition from cooking.

6:23 p.m.: A woman struck a curb on Main Street in a Lincoln MKS. The woman, Deborah Rousseaux, 61, of 24 Marion St., was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. She was later bailed.

Tuesday, August 25:

12:29 p.m.: Police notified Verizon of a low communication wire from a pole to a North Street residence. The homeowner managed to get the wire above a tree limb before Verizon arrived.

1:16 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Honda CR-V, a GMC Savana, and a C Series Chevrolet. A Fire Department medical vehicle responded but was not needed.

4:31 p.m.: A Chevrolet Silverado was returned to U-Haul and removed from the NCIC registry.

Wednesday, August 26:

2:58 p.m.: A driver in a Toyota RAV4 was seen swerving on Main Street. The driver eventually hit a pole by Market Basket, doing minor property damage. Police spoke with him and found that he was driving distracted while trying to arrange for a tire issue to be fixed on his phone.

4:40 p.m.: Reading police requested assistance from the Wilmington Fire Department in evaluating the possible injuries of a motorcyclist who crashed on the town line on Lowell Street. The biker refused further medical attention and was able to drive off the scene.

Thursday, August 27:

8:15 a.m.: Police notified Verizon that a trash truck pulled a wire mount from a house. The end of the wire connected to the pole remained intact.

10:54 a.m.: Police received a report indicating that a soccer net at the Yentile Recreational Facility was shredded maliciously. Police investigated and found that the damage was normal wear from use; the Department of Public Works was notified and the net was replaced.

1:23 p.m.: A Mack truck and a Volvo ACL were in a collision on Ballardvale Street. No injuries were reported.

1:41 p.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle transported an injured passenger after a Volkswagen Jetta crashed on I-93.

5:38 p.m.: A driver described as a black male in a gray Honda sedan reportedly slowed down in front of the New England for Trump store on Main Street and threw food at the store before continuing south. The store was not damaged.

7:27 p.m.: Police notified Comcast of a downed wire in the area of Dadant Drive and North Street. Comcast told police that they would fix the issue the next day.

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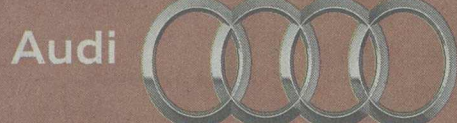
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